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Sanna Marin (left) will be replaced by Petteri Orpo (right).

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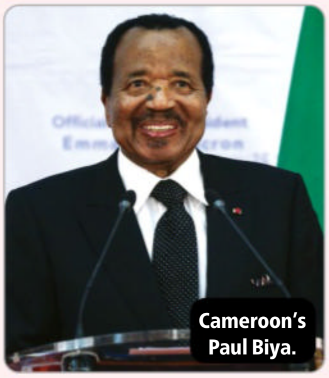
Eleven out of every 12 wallets that are lost in Finland are returned to their owners.

The age of world leaders



Cameroon's Paul Biya.

- **Ibrahim Traoré, who is head of Burkina Faso in Africa, is the world's youngest leader, aged either 34 or 35.**
- **The oldest leader of a country is the president of Cameroon, Paul Biya, who was born in 1933. He has ruled for more than 40 years and he is the only leader in his 90s.**
- **5% of national leaders around the world are in their 80s, including the current US president, Joe Biden.**
- **The average age of women who are their country's leader is 57. For men, the average age is 62.**

Finland chooses a new leader

On 2 April, the prime minister (PM) of Finland, Sanna Marin, came third in the nation's general election. She will be replaced as PM by Petteri Orpo, who is head of the National Coalition Party.

What happened?

Orpo's party came first, winning 48 out of the 200 seats in parliament; the Finns Party came second with 46 seats. Then came Marin with 43 seats. The new leader needs to form a coalition (they must join up with other parties) to have enough seats to govern. Orpo called it a "major victory" for his party, which has more traditional and conservative views than Marin's Social Democratic Party. Congratulating Orpo on his win, Marin said, "Democracy has spoken".

Who is Sanna Marin?

Marin, aged 37, was Finland's youngest leader when she became prime minister in 2019. She formed a coalition with four other political parties to lead the government. In her time as leader, Marin focused on climate change, social equality (making sure everyone has equal opportunities and rights) and improving Finland's social benefits system (the support the government gives to people in need). This included a plan to end homelessness by 2027. Marin was praised for how she led the country through the Covid-19 pandemic, because Finland had lower death rates than many other countries. More recently, Marin offered strong support to Ukraine. Since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, Finland has sent more than £800 million worth of help. Marin was in charge during Finland's campaign to join NATO, a growing military alliance of 31 countries that agree to defend each other. Every member of the alliance has to agree to a new country joining, and on 30 March, Turkey was the final country to support Finland's entry.

Why did Orpo win?

In the run-up to the election on 2 April, it looked set to be a very close race between Marin and the other two parties. However, Orpo promised to spend less on social benefits. Under Marin's leadership, Finland's debt (money the country has borrowed) had risen, but Orpo said he would work to reduce it. A recent study showed that 35% of Finnish people worry as much about the country's money as they do about climate change, and some people thought Marin was spending too much. Many people consider Orpo to be a sensible, experienced politician, and lots of them voted for him to fix the country's money issues.

Finns have voted for a new leader.

What happens next?

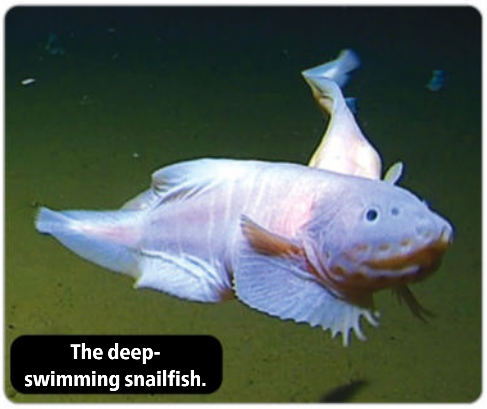
Orpo will work out which other party or parties he wants in his government. This could take weeks, and he can only be officially named the new prime minister once the coalition government has been decided. He has promised to continue to defend and support Ukraine, saying, "We will do all that is needed to help Ukrainian people, because they fight for us, this is clear." On 4 April, Finland officially became part of NATO. Sweden is also waiting to join the alliance but Turkey and Hungary have yet to give their support.

Deepest-swimming fish ever recorded

Scientists have filmed a fish swimming at what they believe to be the lowest depth ever recorded. The jelly-like *Pseudoliparis*, a type of snailfish, was spotted at 8,336 metres under water in the Izu-Ogasawara Trench, off the coast of Japan in the Pacific Ocean. Scientist Alan Jamieson, who led the research team, said the snailfish could be very close to the maximum depth any fish could survive.

The snailfish was filmed by a camera attached to weights. Although this fish wasn't caught and fully identified, scientists were able to trap and identify other snailfish swimming at around at 8,022 metres. The previous deepest fish to be filmed was at 8,178 metres in the Mariana Trench, also in the Pacific Ocean. This discovery beats that record by 158 metres.

Most species of snailfish live in shallow waters but they have also adapted to the extreme pressure of the world's deepest seas. Professor Jamieson said, "We have spent over 15 years researching these deep snailfish; there is so much more to them than simply the depth, but the maximum depth they can survive at is truly astonishing."


The deep-swimming snailfish.

Peter Usborne with his medal from the King.

GLOBAL REACH Usborne has published books in more than 130 languages.

Tributes paid to Peter Usborne

People have been paying their respects to Peter Usborne, who died on 30 March at the age of 85. Usborne was the founder of the children's publishing company Usborne Books.

Usborne set up his company way back in 1973, when he found out he was going to be a father. The aim of his company was to publish books that spark curiosity in children with brilliant stories and eye-catching illustrations. The company has published old stories like *The Three Musketeers*, and popular newer books such as *The Super-Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates* by Jenny Pearson and *The Shark Caller* by Zillah Bethell.

"Magnificent and beautiful" Sophie Anderson
"The most incredible story" Michelle Harrison
THE SHARK CALLER
ZILLAH BETHELL

Usborne said that parenthood was the greatest privilege of his life. Both his children, Martin and Nicola, also work in book publishing. The three of them set up The Usborne Foundation, a charity that creates exciting new ways for children to learn, through activities, games and videos. Nicola said in an official statement, "He was a brilliant, ever curious, ever enthusiastic man, who was also very kind, very generous, and honourable and principled to his core."

In February, Usborne received a CBE (Commander of the British Empire) medal from King Charles, for his services to literature.

The author of the Usborne-published book *The Thief Who Sang Storms*, Sophie Anderson, wrote on Twitter, "He truly made the world a better place and will always be remembered with love and gratitude."

IT'S AN AMAZING WEEK FOR...

A LONG-DISTANCE MESSAGE

A message in a bottle that was thrown into the sea in the Canary Islands in 2019 has been washed ashore nearly 3,000 miles away in Bermuda. The message was written by a sailor and his friends as a tribute to a former shipmate who had recently died.

Baby Egbert.

A NEW ARRIVAL

For the first time in 40 years, a critically endangered Rupell's griffon vulture has hatched at ZSL London Zoo. To increase baby Egbert's survival chances, the egg was placed in an incubator. Now, Egbert is doing well, and information about his birth will be used to help increase the numbers of his species.

A STRANGE SPACE CREW

A model of the popular CBBC character Shaun the Sheep is back in the UK after going on a mission around the Moon. The Artemis I mission had no human crew on board as it orbited the Moon, because it was a test flight. Instead, Shaun and a cuddly toy of the cartoon dog Snoopy were sent on the 1.5-million-mile trip. Following the mission, Shaun was presented with a certificate from NASA. He is now back in Bristol, the home of his creators.

The model of Shaun.

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A LONG HISTORY

Dover has been used as a port since Roman times, more than 2,000 years ago.

Coaches had to wait for many hours.

Passport office strikes

Passport workers protest.

On 3 April, more than 1,000 Passport Office workers across the UK began a five-week strike (refusing to work as a protest). They are protesting for more pay and to protect the money they get when they retire. People need passports to go to other countries but it can take up to 10 weeks to get a new one. This could take even longer now, because the strikes are planned until 5 May, and they could affect people's summer holiday plans.

Easter trips disrupted at Dover

School trips and family holidays were badly disrupted after coaches, cars and lorries at the Port of Dover, in south-east England, were stuck in long queues that started on 31 March.

Suella Braverman

What's been happening?

The Port of Dover in Kent, England, is the UK's busiest passenger port, where people catch ferries to the French ports of Calais and Dunkirk. On 31 March, officials at Dover declared a "critical incident" because lots of passengers were stuck in traffic jams as they got near the ferry port. Some people had to wait for 14 hours. Lots of coaches were carrying pupils on school trips. Many coaches had to wait in areas without toilet facilities or shops to buy food and water. Although extra ferries were organised, delays continued for several days. Some schools had to cancel their trips and send pupils back home from Dover.

Why were there delays?

According to the port, ferry companies received 15% more coach bookings for the Easter holiday than they had expected, and bad weather meant some ferries were delayed. The port also said that it takes longer for passengers to get on their ferries since the UK left the European Union (EU) in 2020. The EU is a group of 27 countries that work and trade together. Since leaving the EU, every passenger's passport at the port must be checked. This means that coaches in particular take a long time, because everyone has to get off and be checked.

How have people responded?

Suella Braverman, the UK Home Secretary, said that the delays weren't because the UK left the EU, they were caused by bad weather. She said "We've had many years since leaving the EU and there's been, on the whole, very good operations at the border." Other politicians have admitted that there's a link between leaving the EU and the delays. One parent, Ollie Learmonth, said that he was really angry and upset that his son's school trip had been cancelled.

WORD OF THE WEEK

CANARY

Curiously, the Canary Islands took their name from dogs, rather than birds. It comes from the Latin *canaria insula*, "island of dogs". That was because, in Roman times, one of the islands was known to have a population of wild dogs. Ancestors of the canary also lived on the island, which is how the bird got its name.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

10 April 1969

Sikh man wins against bus company

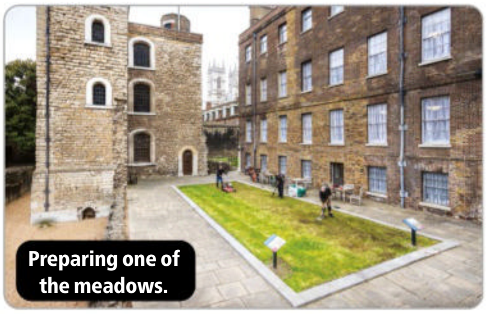
Following a two-year dispute, Tarsem Singh Sandhu won the right to wear his turban, while working as a bus driver in the Midlands, England. In 1967, Sandhu was told by his employers to remove his turban, a garment worn by followers of the Sikh faith, and shave his beard. When he refused, he was sacked from his job. Sandhu and his Sikh colleagues protested. In 1969, the bus company lifted its ban and allowed Sikh staff to wear turbans.

Tarsem Singh Sandhu

Tomos mewn Trafferthion
Ceridwen
Angharad Tomos

Helping pupils speak Welsh

The Welsh government is hoping to pass a law in Wales to help all pupils speak Welsh confidently by 2050. The Minister for Education and Welsh Language, Jeremy Miles, said the aim is to ensure that everyone can use Welsh in everyday life. Plans include boosting the number of schools where lessons are mostly taught in Welsh. The government hopes that this will make using Welsh in schools and communities feel very normal.



Preparing one of the meadows.

Meadows to mark coronation

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, one hundred meadows are going to be created around castles, churches and other historic sites in England. This 10-year project will be run by two charities, English Heritage and Plantlife, to help restore some of the 97% of meadows that the UK has lost since the 1930s. Ian Dunn from Plantlife said, "We look forward to a future where England's best historic sites boast the highest quality grasslands."

An unusual Easter egg.

An egg... made of cheese

If you want a change from chocolate this Easter, a UK supermarket has just launched two new Easter eggs made entirely of cheese. Shoppers can choose from the soft and tangy Stratford Blue egg or the soft and creamy Lancashire and Cheddar, which are made in Lancashire, England, and sold in Morrisons for £5 each. Andrew Thomas, who is in charge of buying cheese for Morrisons, said the supermarket wants to "make Easter fun and exciting" for customers.

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Young people use all sorts of devices.

SPOT THE FIB
In the study, girls were 10% more likely than boys to recognise if an online profile is fake.

Report reveals our life online

A new report by Ofcom has revealed how young people are using the internet. Ofcom is an organisation that oversees the UK's communication services, including television and the internet.

According to the research, in 2022, 97% of homes with young people aged up to 18 had access to the internet. It also found that almost all children have mobile phones by 12 years old. In homes with internet access, YouTube was the most popular website, used by 88% of three to 17-year-olds. TikTok was also used by lots of young people, because watching shorter videos is getting more and more popular.

Social media apps like TikTok, YouTube and Instagram have become more used by young people looking for news, instead of other, more traditional providers like BBC News. Some people said they choose to get their news and information from social media because it gives them a more balanced view on global events.

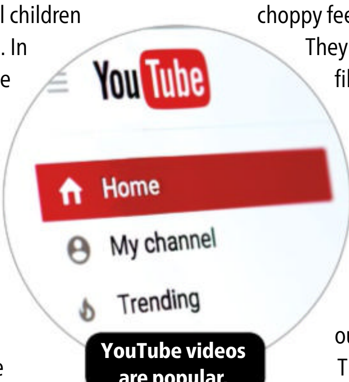
The research also found that young people increasingly enjoy split-screening, which means watching two videos on the same screen at the same time. This has been found in earlier studies too: young people have said that they struggle to focus on one screen-based activity at a time.

Young people also seem to prefer videos that are quite dramatic, with quick editing that creates a choppy feel, used by influencers like Mr Beast. They like the same type of fast pace in films and TV shows.

The three most popular devices for playing video games on were games consoles, mobile phones and tablets, but gaming wasn't just for fun. A lot of young people said that they play video games because it is a good way to hang out and chat with friends and family.

The study only asked older children whether they used music-streaming services, but mobile phones were by far the most popular devices for listening to music.

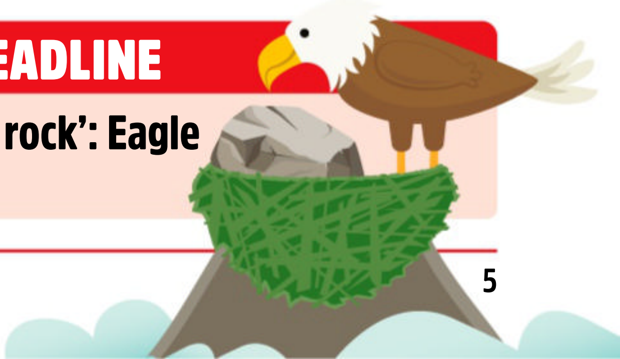
Children and parents said that going online is helping with homework. Some young people are even going beyond their schoolwork, by learning extra things online for fun, like computer coding.



YouTube videos are popular.

THE WEEK'S SILLIEST HEADLINE

"'He's very protective of the rock': Eagle thinks rock is an egg" CNN



Around the world

France
Electronic scooter ban for under 14s

People will now have to be at least 14 to ride an electric scooter on roads in France; until now you had to be 12. Some people think e-scooters are dangerous, including the mayor of Paris who wants to ban them. The government wants to make them safer and has set a €135 (£119) fine (money paid as punishment) for carrying a passenger.

Passengers are banned.

Gibraltar
Unique language is dying out

Experts worry that a language in Gibraltar is dying out. The language of Llanito developed from a combination of English and Spanish words. Now, however, both English and Spanish languages are taught in schools, so young people don't use Llanito much. Local man Mark Sánchez told *El País* newspaper, "Llanito defines who we are."

Llanito is spoken in Gibraltar.

Rome, Italy
Plans to ban lab-grown meat

Italy's government plans to ban meat grown in laboratories, to protect the country's traditions and farmers. Some say that meat grown in a lab is better for animals and the environment, but the Italian government says it doesn't guarantee the same quality as natural meat. It has also banned flour made from insects in pizza and pasta dishes.

LAB-GROWN
MEAT
CRUELTY FREE · SAFE · HEALTHY
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100% CRUELTY FREE
Lab-grown meat.

Kyiv
Change
Air Alert
Mark Hamill of *Star Wars.*

Ukraine
Star Wars raid alarm

Actor Mark Hamill, who plays Luke Skywalker in *Star Wars,* has provided the voice of air raid alarms in Ukraine. People can hear his voice through their device telling them to take cover. The app also says when it is safe to go outside, and plays a message from Hamill saying, "May the force be with you." An app user, Olena Yeremina, said Hamill's message made her laugh, and that gives her strength.

Limpopo, South Africa
Grannies kick off

The Grannies International Football Tournament has kicked off in South Africa's Limpopo province. The home team, Vakhegula Vakhegula, was set up in 2007 and inspired other granny football clubs. Teams from 14 countries, including the US and France, are taking part in the event. US player, Mo Kelly told Reuters news agency, "We love it. It means so much to us. It's a community, it makes us healthy."

Grannies on the field.

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Around the world

Afghanistan

School activist arrested

A campaigner for girls' education has been arrested by the Taliban, a military and political group with extreme views that rules Afghanistan. Matiullah Wesa has spent years trying to improve education for Afghan children. His charity, Pen Path, sets up classrooms and hands out books. When the Taliban banned girls from schools in 2022, Wesa protested. His brother, Attaullah, said, "They will not stop us."

Matiullah Wesa helps a pupil.

Odisha, India

Police pigeons at risk

Odisha's carrier pigeons.

Police in the state of Odisha are hoping to keep using carrier pigeons for communication. Carrier pigeons were first brought from Belgium in 1946, when there were no phone wires. They are trained to fly to certain places and can quickly cover long distances. Messages are written on paper, put in a tiny plastic capsule and attached to their feet. Odisha's police force has 155 pigeons, trained by a special handler.

Chiang Mai, Thailand

Thick smog hides mountains

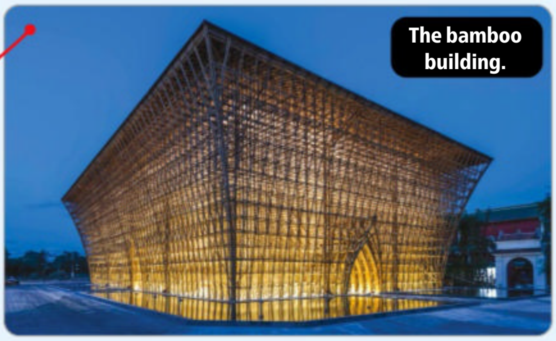
Chiang Mai in northern Thailand has been named the worst city in the world for air quality in a survey of 100 cities. Thick smog (pollution mixed with natural fog) has blocked views of the nearby mountains, and people are being advised to wear masks and avoid outdoor exercise. Campaigners are asking for stricter rules on pollution.

Smog covers the city.

Phu Quoc, Vietnam

Bamboo entrance built to impress

Visitors to Grand World Phu Quoc, an entertainment and shopping centre in Vietnam, can now enter through a welcome centre built from 42,000 culms (hollow shoots) of bamboo. Designers created arches, domes and grids so that the building lets in lots of natural light. They also built doorways in shapes such as the lotus flower.



The bamboo building.

Australia

Big polluters must get cleaner

On 30 March, the Australian government passed a law that will make big polluters, such as power stations, cut their emissions of greenhouse gases. These are gases that trap the Sun's heat in the Earth's atmosphere, causing temperatures to rise. The new law is part of Australia's plan to reduce its emissions by 43% by the year 2030.

New rules for polluters.

Should octopuses be farmed?

Octopuses could soon be farmed as well as being fished in the wild.

What you need to know

- **Demand for octopus meat is increasing – the number of octopuses caught in the wild doubled between 1980 and 2014.**
- **A study in 2020 showed that populations of fish that people like to eat, including octopus, are falling fast.**
- **A Spanish company called Nueva Pescanova has revealed plans to build the world's first octopus farm on the island of Gran Canaria.**
- **Octopuses will be bred and raised for their meat in 1,000 tanks. The company aims to produce around 3,000 tonnes of octopus meat a year, the equivalent of one million creatures.**

A site in Gran Canaria, Spain, could become the first intensive octopus farm in the world. Octopuses are usually caught in the wild with fishing rods and traps. The company behind the plans, Nueva Pescanova, says that farming octopuses will mean fewer are caught in the wild. Others say that farming them is cruel and unnecessary. Millions of octopuses are eaten all over the world every year. In 2020, a documentary called *My Octopus Teacher* followed a filmmaker as he got to know an octopus, and showed how intelligent the species is. Many scientists say this shows that octopuses shouldn't be farmed. Professor Peter Tse told the BBC that octopuses are as clever as cats. So what do you think? Should humans be allowed to farm octopuses?

An octopus in the wild.

BIG BRAINS
Octopuses seem to have part of their brain in each of their eight arms – every arm has a mind of its own.

Yes – it's the best way to source octopuses

Eating farmed octopuses is the best way to sustain the wild population. As populations of some fish species – like cod – fall, fishers are catching more cephalopods (octopus, squid and cuttlefish) to feed the world. In Europe, cephalopods are not protected by fishing quotas (the amount of fish someone is allowed to catch each year). The number of wild octopuses could fall further if something isn't done. Around 350,000 tonnes of octopus are caught every year and demand is going up. It's a nutritious and delicious meat, full of vitamins and minerals. Lots of animals are intelligent but humans farm and eat them. If we can farm pigs then why not octopus? It's hypocritical to make an exception for them.

No – keep the octopuses swimming free

Octopuses are sentient creatures, meaning they are aware of their surroundings, they feel things like pleasure and pain and they have a long-term memory. To pluck a creature from its natural environment and plop it into an unnatural one is cruel. They will be squashed into tanks with many other octopuses, and have bright lights shone at them. This will cause them stress because they are used to swimming freely in natural light and resting alone in dark dens. Aquaculture (farming underwater) has a negative effect on the environment. Chemicals are needed to keep tanks clean and fish healthy. Also, a third of wild fish that are caught are used to feed farmed fish, so farming can still lead to overfishing.

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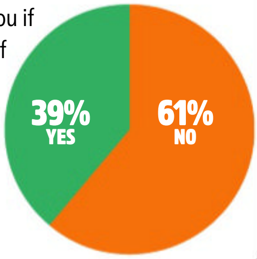
LAST WEEK'S POLL

Last week, we asked you if the UK should get rid of royalty and become a republic. Most of you thought it would be a good idea to keep the tradition of the royal family going.



YES Three reasons why octopuses should be farmed

1. **Farming octopus allows authorities to manage the number that are produced each year, so that wild populations aren't overfished.**
2. **Octopuses provide delicious and healthy meat that is enjoyed all around the world.**
3. **Why should people decide which animals should be farmed for food and which should not? Octopuses are no better than other species we farm.**

NO Three reasons why octopuses should not be farmed

1. **Octopuses are very intelligent creatures. They are aware of their surroundings and feel pain. We shouldn't eat them at all.**
2. **It's cruel to keep octopuses on farms, which are nothing like their natural environment.**
3. **Farming underwater creatures is well known to be damaging to the natural environment and it can still lead to overfishing in the wild.**

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Now that you've read a bit more about it, tell us what you think by voting in our poll at theweekjunior.co.uk/polls. Vote YES if you think octopuses should be farmed, or NO if you don't. We'll publish the results next week.

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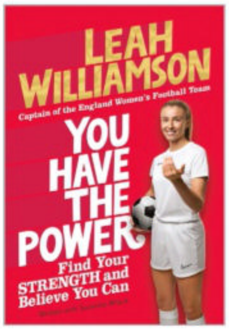
Finding her feet

Leah Williamson wants to inspire young people.

"I've always been quite unapologetically myself," Leah Williamson tells *The Week Junior*, "but more shy than people realise."

Williamson is the captain of the England women's football team, the Lionesses, who won the Euro 2022 tournament. However, reaching such heights hasn't always been easy and she's had to learn how to believe in herself. Using her own experiences, she has written a book with journalist Suzanne Wrack, called *You Have the Power: Find Your Strength and Believe You Can*, to motivate and inspire young people.


LEAH WILLIAMSON
Captain of the England Women's Football Team
YOU HAVE THE POWER
Find Your STRENGTH and Believe You Can

Football has always been a big part of Williamson's life, ever since she started playing at the age of six. She says, "It's probably the one thing in my life that I've been truly passionate about the whole time." Her family loved it too, and were divided between supporting Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal – rival clubs in north London. When she was a child, her family encouraged Williamson not to be scared, even if it felt intimidating to take part in a sport that was mostly played by boys. By teaching her important lessons, such as how to learn from mistakes, her family helped her to grow.

She hopes she can motivate readers to achieve their dreams – football-related or not. "I'm not trying to make everybody that reads this book the next best footballer in the world," she says. "I'm just trying to give them a sense of how amazing it feels to look at yourself and be proud."

You Have the Power: Find Your Strength and Believe You Can is out in bookshops now.

STAR QUALITY
At nine years old, Leah Williamson was signed onto a youth programme for her favourite football team, Arsenal.

Leah Williamson

Chloe with her painting.

Artist inspired by home

Chloe Chidume, a 14-year-old from Newcastle, England, has won the 2023 CBBC series *Britain's Best Young Artist*. Her winning painting, called *Homage,* is a portrait of a girl sitting in a field holding a toy-sized house. It is now on display at the Tate Modern museum in London. Chloe told the museum that her artwork was inspired by family photos of her home. "My painting is about my appreciation of my home, not only my home in the UK but my home in Africa, and how I cherish the memories that are enclosed in the four walls I inhabit daily," she says. "It's about the beauty of the mundane (everyday) and how something so ordinary can mean so much to someone." Chloe hopes that museum visitors will see her work and think about what home means to them.

The hiker who loves hills

Eight-year-old Charlie Batham loves climbing hills. In fact, he has scaled the equivalent of Mount Everest, the world's highest peak, eight times. Charlie, from Wakefield in England, first found he liked climbing when he told his dad he wanted to celebrate his birthday by hiking up a hill in Anglesey, Wales. He enjoyed it so much that he now travels hundreds of miles each weekend with his dad to find new mountains. The climb that equalled his eighth Mount Everest was Chrome Hill in the Peak District, England. "I love seeing the different animals and wildlife that we wouldn't find at home," he says.

Charlie climbs with his dad.

THEY SAID IT!

"I will never feel quite the same about slugs in the future, and I hope you won't either."

Composer George Fenton, who wrote the beautiful music for *Wild Isles*, shares his feelings about the nature series.

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A young Scottish wildcat.

BIG BEASTS
In Scotland, wildcats are sometimes called "the Highland tiger".

An ancient breed of cow

The wild cattle of Chillingham in Northumbria, England, are the descendants of ancient breeds that once roamed the UK's forests freely. There are just 130 left in the wild, and you can spot them by their horns and mottled (blotchy) faces. Historians think the Vikings brought the animals to Britain but no one really understands how the breed has survived because there are very few, which usually means a species is about to die out. Until the end of October, Chillingham Castle is offering tours to see them in their natural habitat.

Wild cattle at Chillingham.

Wildcats set free in Highlands

NatureScot, an organisation that looks after Scotland's natural world, has agreed to release Scottish wildcats into the UK's largest national park.

Around 60 wildcats have been bred at the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland's Highland Wildlife Park at Kincraig. They will be released in June into an area of the Cairngorms National Park in the Scottish Highlands. Researchers will monitor the cats through GPS collars, tracking their movements as they roam around their new home.

Wildcats already live in the Cairngorms, but researchers say the breed is under threat from extinction because of habitat loss, disease and too much breeding with feral (gone wild) domestic cats. Wildcats look a bit like pet tabby cats but they are about twice the size and have thicker fur. They have longer legs, their tails are blunt with a black tip and their ears are more tilted out to the side.

Wildcats were once found in England and Wales too, but they were hunted for their fur and lost a lot of their natural habitat because of human activity. They haven't been seen in the wild outside Scotland for more than 100 years. However, another conservation programme is planning to release around 40 of the animals into secret countryside locations in Devon and Cornwall, in southern England. Wildcats hunt small animals, so wildlife experts are hoping that the cats will keep down the numbers of rabbits and mice, which damage young trees and crops such as barley, corn, fruit and wheat.

The Scottish wildcats will be released in a part of the park called Cairngorms Connect, where conservation experts are working to restore woodland and peatland areas. The plan is for as many as 20 cats to be set free every year, and it is hoped that other sites in Scotland will be considered too. Dr Helen Senn from Saving Wildcats said, "The fight to restore Scotland's wildcat populations is just beginning."

Wildcat kits are bred for release.

NATURE SPY

House martins head back north

Having spent the winter in Africa – nobody knows exactly where – house martins return to the British Isles in April and stay until October. They are on the UK Red List of threatened species but can still be seen in towns, villages and near farmland. The birds are about 13 centimetres long, with a glossy black above, white below, and a white bottom with a short, black, forked tail. They build mud nests under ledges, on cliffs and under the eaves of houses. It takes house martins about 10 days and 1,000 mouthfuls of mud to construct their home. If you see an abandoned old nest, leave it alone because sometimes nesting pairs will return to the same one to save the time and effort of building afresh.

House martins nest under eaves.

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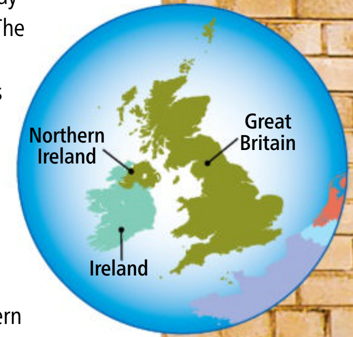
The path to peace in Nort

This year marks 25 years since the signing of a peace deal.

On 10 April 1998, the Belfast Agreement, more commonly known as the Good Friday Agreement, was signed by politicians. The deal aimed to bring peace to Northern Ireland after many years of conflict. This year marks 25 years since the agreement was reached.



Why was there conflict?

In 1921, Ireland became an independent country from the UK. However, six counties, known as Northern Ireland, remained part of the UK. In Northern Ireland, Unionists (people who wanted to remain part of the UK) lived alongside Nationalists (those who wanted the island of Ireland to be one single country). The Unionists were mostly Protestant and the Nationalists were mostly Catholic. Protestants and Catholics are both types of Christian. Tension between the two sides grew until, in the 1960s, 30 years of fighting began that became known as "The Troubles". British soldiers, who were sent to Northern Ireland in 1969 as peacekeepers, were responsible for some of the violence. More than 3,600 people died and more than 30,000 were injured.

How did the Agreement come about?

There were several failed attempts in the 1990s but gradually the political parties began to work together. The US president, Bill Clinton, sent a politician called George Mitchell to help. When Tony Blair became the UK's Prime Minister in 1997, he wanted to resolve the problems in Northern Ireland. Blair and Bertie Ahern, the Irish prime minister, and other important politicians, including Mo Mowlam, the UK Government's Northern Ireland Secretary, joined in talks with Unionist and Nationalist politicians. On 10 April 1998, Mitchell announced that they had reached a deal to bring peace.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Titanic, a famous ship that sank in 1912, was built in Northern Ireland's capital, Belfast.

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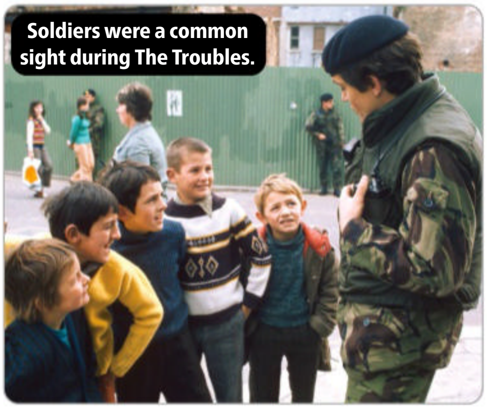
A wall painting showing the political parties working for peace.



Soldiers were a common sight during The Troubles.

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Events marking the 25th anniversary

US presidential visit

The US president, Joe Biden, will visit Northern Ireland and Ireland to celebrate the anniversary. Biden is proud of his family's Irish roots, and the US Secret Service has given him the codename "Celtic", the name of the ancient peoples of Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

President Biden

Art for peace

Ulster University has announced a year-long art programme to commemorate the peace deal. It opens with a show by artist Amanda Dunsmore, made up of 14 enormous and silent video portraits of the leaders who helped bring about the Good Friday Agreement.

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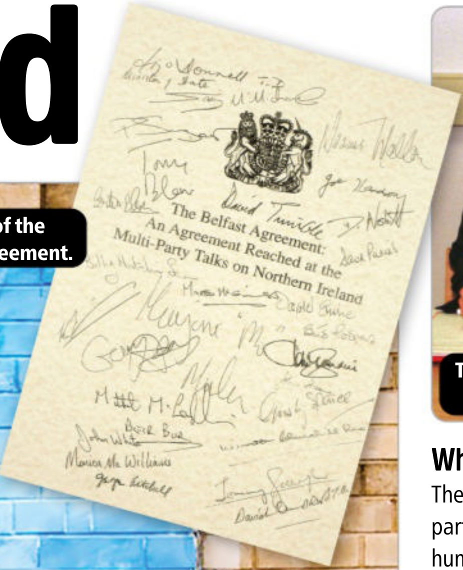

The Belfast Agreement:
An Agreement Reached at the
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A copy of the signed Agreement.

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C.S. Lewis was inspired by Northern Ireland's Mourne Mountains when he wrote his *Chronicles of Narnia* books.

Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern sign the Agreement.

What was in the Agreement?

The Agreement stated that Northern Ireland would be part of the UK. Both sides agreed to respect peoples' human rights, whatever their beliefs. People with guns had to give up their weapons, prisoners who had been involved in violence were released, and the British agreed to withdraw most of their soldiers. What's more, a new system of sharing power was introduced. This meant that the government of Northern Ireland would be led by both a Unionist and a Nationalist politician in the roles of First Minister and Deputy First Minister. On 22 May 1998, 71% of people in Northern Ireland voted to accept the Agreement. The deal also stated that if, in the future, the majority of people living in both Northern Ireland and Ireland wanted to split from the UK to form one single country, there would be a special public vote called a referendum.

Did the Agreement work?

Three months after the Agreement was signed, a group of extreme Nationalists set off a big bomb in Omagh, Northern Ireland, killing 29 people and injuring 380. This was the worst attack of The Troubles. However, for the first time Nationalist political parties joined with Unionists to condemn the violence. In the years after that, the country stayed mostly peaceful. There were other successes too. Political enemies Ian Paisley, from the Unionist side, and Martin McGuinness, a Nationalist, became close. They were even called "the chuckle brothers" because they were always laughing together. Paisley said of their friendship, "You have to fight for peace. And we are dedicated to that."

Amanda Dunsmore

Lyra's literary legacy

Lyra McKee was a journalist from Belfast who died aged 29, after she was shot during a riot in Northern Ireland in 2019. Ulster University is running a workshop for Year 13 students that asks students to think about how writing can create peace and understanding.

Lyra McKee

First Minister
deputy First Minister

Ian Paisley (left) and Martin McGuinness (right).

One of the samples from the Moon.

MYTHS OF THE MOON
China's Chang'e-5 mission was named after the Chinese goddess of the Moon, Chang'e.

Glass beads hold Moon water

Astronauts could be able to find drinking water inside tiny glass beads that are scattered across the surface of the Moon, according to researchers.

The glass beads were found by scientists from the UK's Open University while they were studying samples taken by China's Chang'e-5 spacecraft during a mission in 2020. The beads are known as spherules and they are less than one millimetre wide.

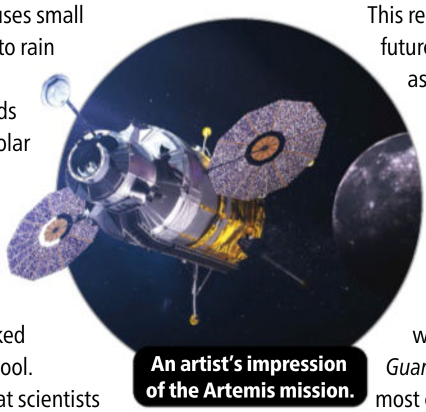
Water is made up of two elements – hydrogen and oxygen. The beads are created when meteoroids (small lumps of rock or iron that orbit the Sun) collide with the Moon. The crash causes small droplets of hot, melting rock to rain down. When they mix with Moon dust they become beads that contain oxygen. When solar wind (a stream of particles released by the Sun that includes parts of hydrogen atoms) reaches the Moon, hydrogen and oxygen meet. This creates water that is locked inside the beads when they cool.

This isn't the first time that scientists have found evidence of water on the Moon. Research has shown that there is frozen water inside dark craters at the Moon's north and south poles. However, researchers believe that the glass beads must be scattered all over the Moon because it is often hit by meteoroids. They think there could be as much as 300 million tonnes of water stored in beads.

Getting water out of the beads should be much easier than getting it from craters. Astronauts will just need to heat them up. The water comes out as a vapour (gas), which becomes liquid when it cools.

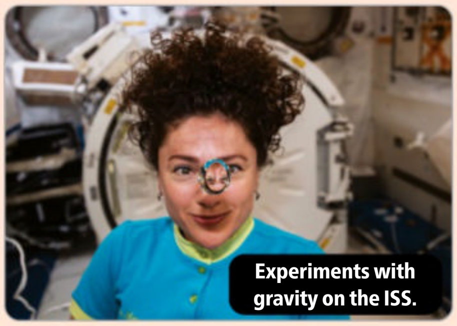
This research is really important for future Moon missions. It means that astronauts living there for a long time to carry out research could have a natural source of water.

NASA hopes to land people on the Moon in 2025 and the European Space Agency plans to build astronauts a Moon village. Professor Mahesh Anand, who was involved in the study, told *The Guardian* newspaper, "This is one of the most exciting discoveries we've made."


An artist's impression of the Artemis mission.

Can space help to treat cancer?

Scientists are going to study cancer (a collection of diseases caused by cells growing out of control) in space. Researchers will study a brain cancer called "diffuse midline glioma". Cancer cells will be sent to the International Space Station (ISS), which orbits Earth. As the ISS is in orbit, objects appear to be weightless. This should allow scientists to create larger 3D structures of the cells to learn more about how the disease grows and, they hope, find new ways to treat it.


Experiments with gravity on the ISS.

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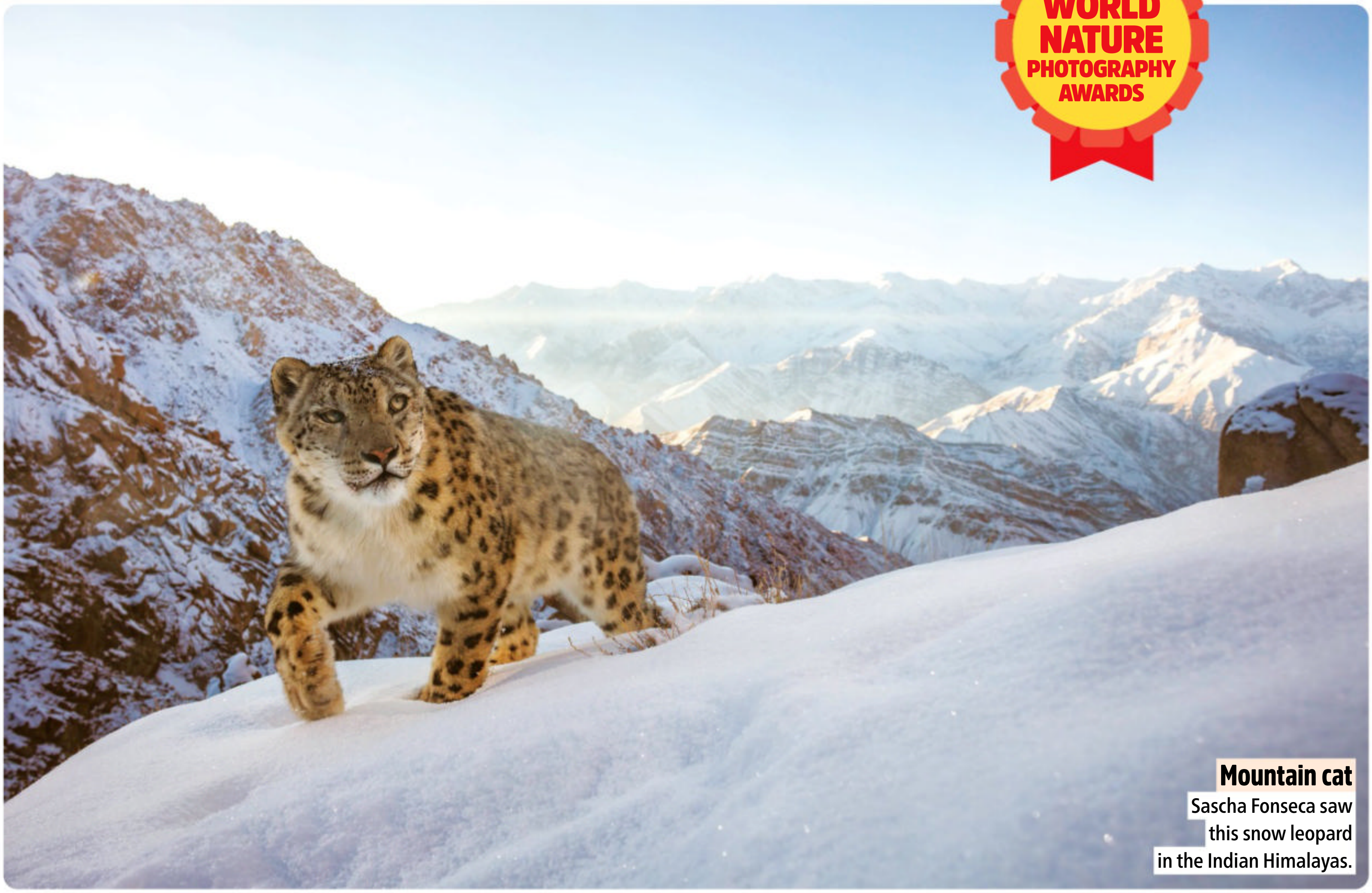
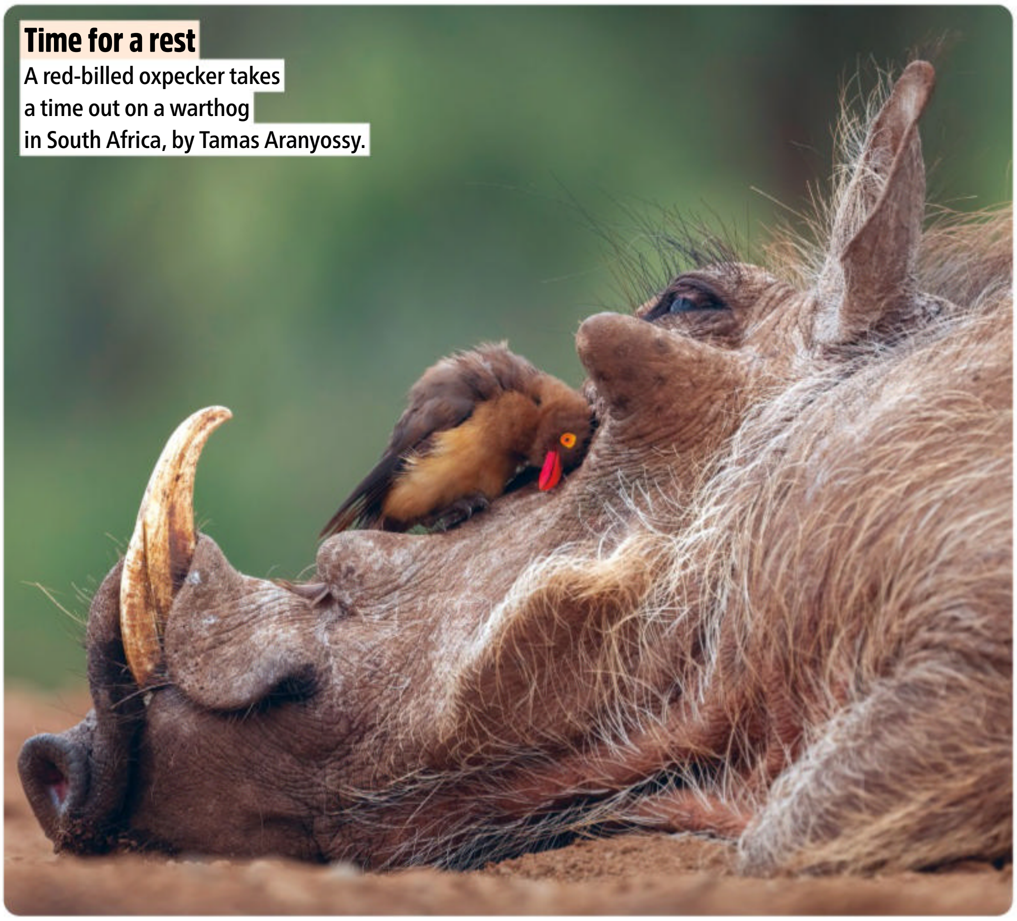
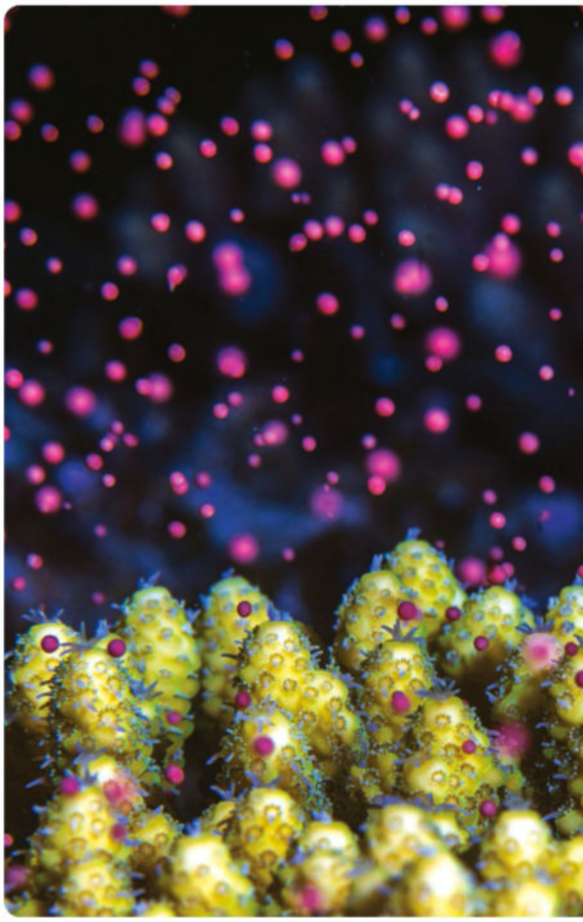


Mountain cat
Sascha Fonseca saw this snow leopard in the Indian Himalayas.



Time for a rest
A red-billed oxpecker takes a time out on a warthog in South Africa, by Tamas Aranyossy.



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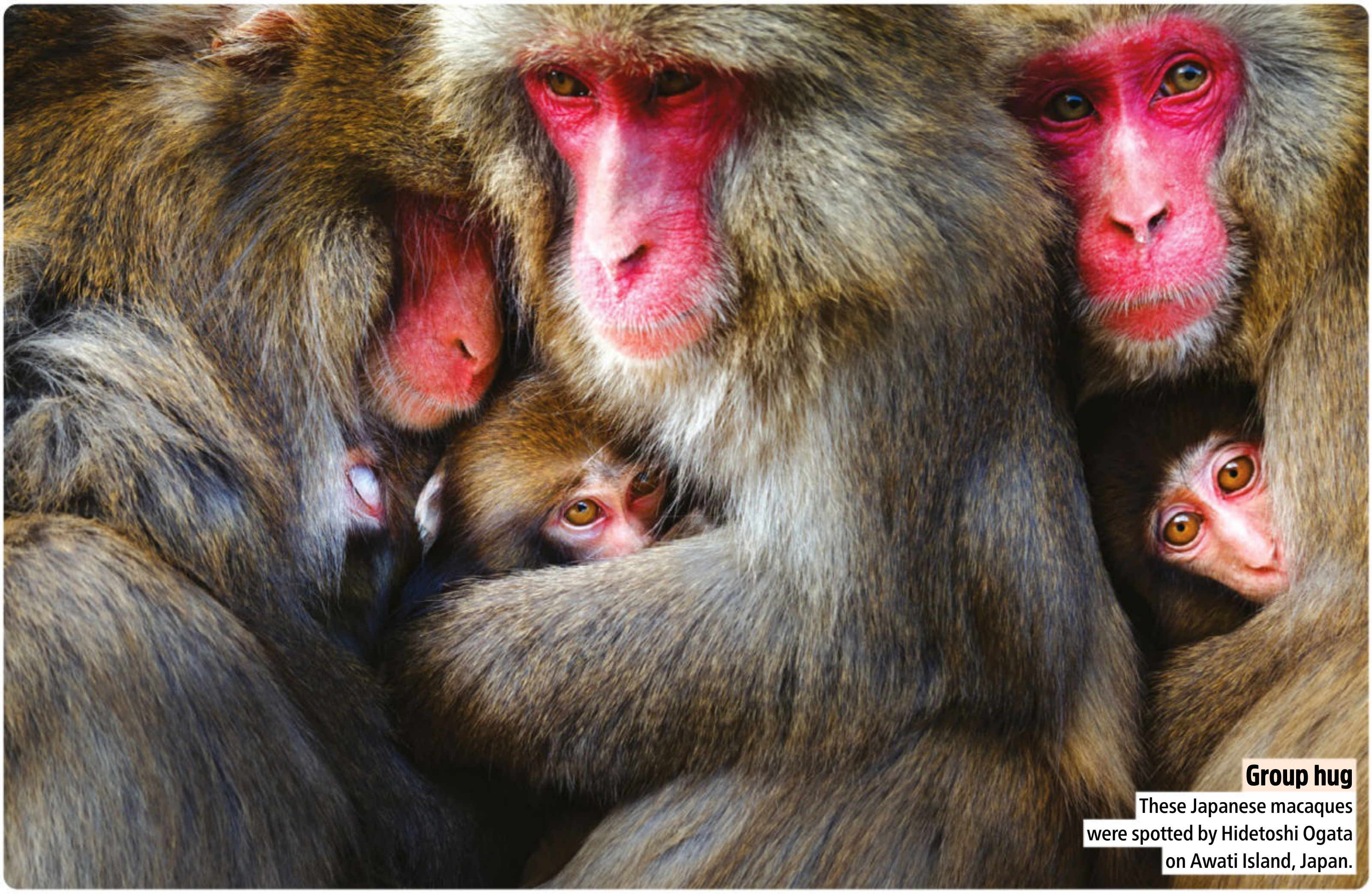
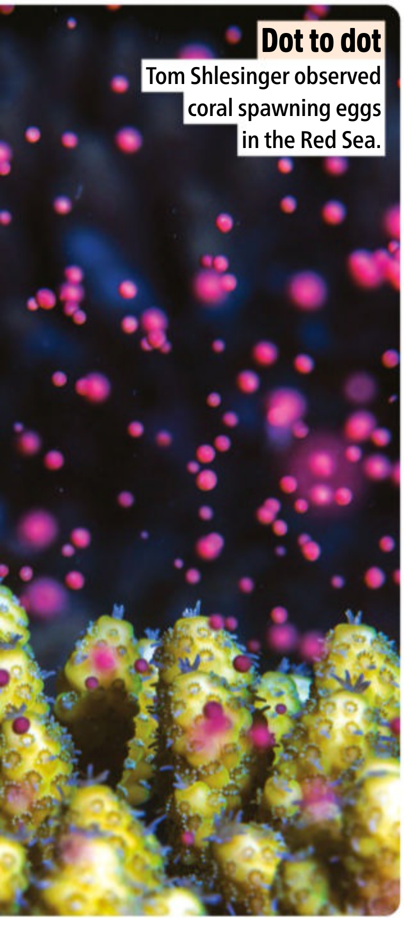
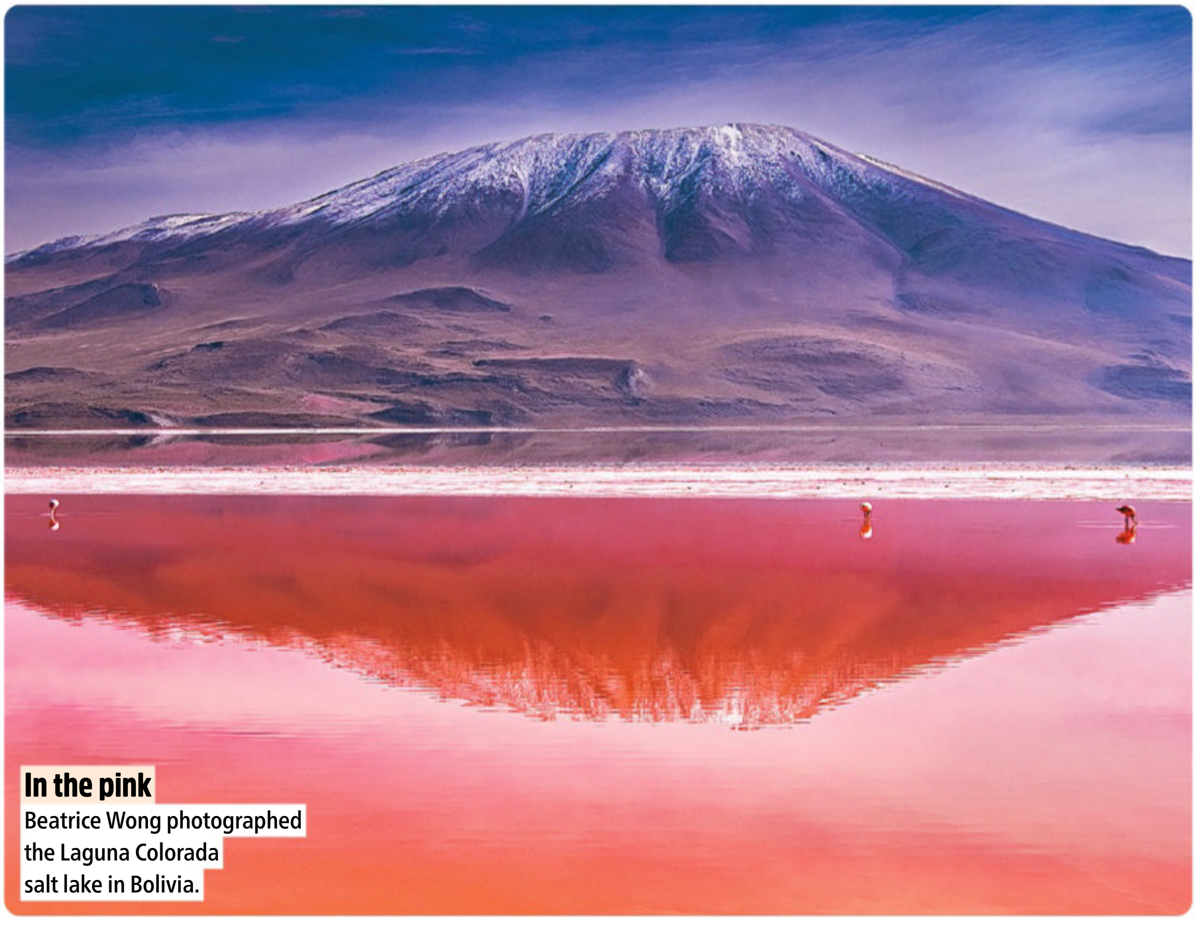


Group hug
These Japanese macaques were spotted by Hidetoshi Ogata on Awati Island, Japan.



Dot to dot
Tom Shlesinger observed coral spawning eggs in the Red Sea.



In the pink
Beatrice Wong photographed the Laguna Colorada salt lake in Bolivia.

GOAL! Since its launch in 2006, Soccer Aid for UNICEF has raised more than £75 million for young people.

The challenge helps children around the world.

Special match

Jill Scott and Usain Bolt.

Every year, footballers and celebrities play a special Soccer Aid match to raise money for UNICEF. On 11 June, at Old Trafford in Manchester, England, an England team will take on the Soccer Aid World XI. This year, England are captained by retired player Jill Scott, and former athlete Usain Bolt leads the Soccer Aid team.

Schools kick off Soccer Aid

Between now and the end of May, your school has the chance to join in with a sports event that will not only get everyone running around, but will raise money for charity.

The Soccer Aid Schools Challenge is easy to organise on a playground or school field. All the money collected goes to UNICEF, a charity that helps children and young people around the world, including in Ukraine and those affected by recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Open to all primary and secondary schools in the UK, Soccer Aid Schools Challenge asks teachers and pupils to set up an obstacle course. The challenge is to then complete the route while bouncing, hopping, kicking or sprinting with a football. All sorts of PE objects can be used on the course, including cones, hoops and tunnels. Also, you don't need to be an expert footballer – everyone can take part.

Those doing the challenge can donate to the event, ask family or friends to sponsor them, or hold a charity bake sale as well. John Bramston Primary School in Essex, England, has taken part in previous years. "We all get to have fun and raise money for children who need support. It's a win for everyone," says teacher Mr Cusack.

Schools need to sign up and complete the challenge before 31 May 2023. With the help of an adult or teacher, go to socceraid.org.uk/schools for more information.

Complete an obstacle course.

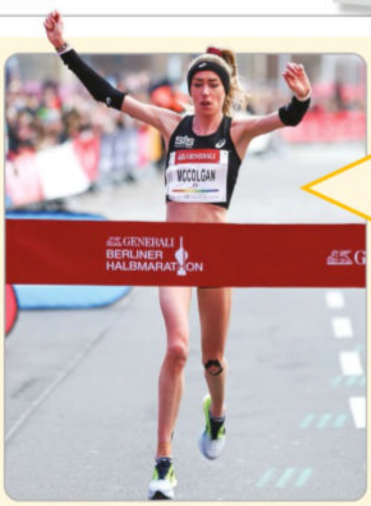
THE WEEK'S WINNERS...

Bolton Wanderers Football Club

Bolton beat Plymouth Argyle 4-0 to win the EFL Trophy at Wembley Stadium in London.

Manchester United Women

In the Women's Super League, Manchester United defeated Brighton 4-0. United are top of the league, three points ahead of Manchester City in second.



Eilish McColgan

The runner won the Berlin Half Marathon in one hour, five minutes, 43 seconds. It's the fastest time by a female British athlete in a half marathon (13.1 miles).

Great Britain rugby sevens team

Great Britain women won a bronze medal for finishing third at the Rugby World Sevens event in Hong Kong.

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The power of positive thinking

Being optimistic can boost your health and pave the way for success.

Thinking positively can help make you happier.

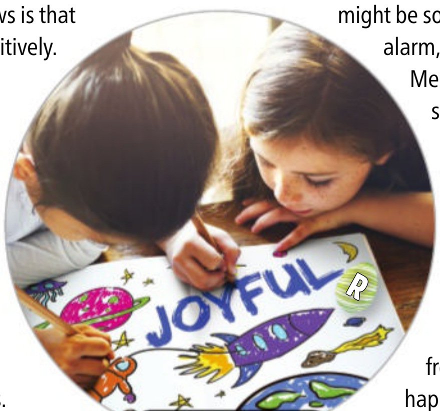
Is your glass of milk half-full or half-empty? This saying is often used to test people's outlook in a situation; do they focus on the positives (a half-full glass) or the negatives (a half-empty one)? Thinking positively, with a belief that most things will turn out well, is called optimism – and it's known to boost your wellbeing. The good news is that everybody can learn to think more positively.

Why is thinking positively good for you?

Research shows that people who are optimistic and think positively tend to experience less stress and cope well when faced with life's challenges. People who are more pessimistic (expect that the worst will happen) may find it hard to believe that these challenges will pass. Scientists have even found that thinking positively can make you live longer. According to Professor Tali Sharot, being optimistic about the future can make you happier and more successful. This is because you believe your goals are achievable and within reach, which encourages you to work towards them.

Worrying is like a fire alarm

Everybody can worry from time to time. Worrying can help to keep you safe – if you were never worried and were overly positive about how things would turn out, you wouldn't recognise risks. "Worrying is our brain warning us that there might be something threatening. It's like a fire alarm," says child psychotherapist Rachel Melville-Thomas. "The trouble is that sometimes it goes off when there isn't a huge danger to face." When this happens, you can feel anxious and hopeless about what lies ahead.



Try to imagine positive outcomes.

Learn to think positively

Optimism is shaped by your genes, which carry characteristics inherited from your parents, and by what happens to you. However, no matter your starting point, everyone can learn to become more optimistic. Research has shown that it can help to draw or write an outcome that's positive – for example, an image of you playing guitar, having passed your next grade. Imagining this can motivate you to work to achieve it, such as practising every day after school.

Being hopeful

These inspirational quotes are taken from which children's books? (You'll find answers on the side of the page.)

1. **"Well, maybe it started that way. As a dream, but doesn't everything?"**
2. **"Happiness can be found even in the darkest times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."**
3. **"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship."**

How do I turn the "fire alarm" down?

Child psychotherapist Rachel Melville-Thomas has these tips:

- **Stop and see what that fire alarm is doing. Go somewhere quiet and have a think. Take five deep breaths and think of your favourite person or animal. What would they say?**
- **Sometimes the alarm will stop if you sing to yourself, listen to music, cuddle the cat, have a bath or have something to eat or drink. Be kind to yourself.**
- **Talk to a friend or trusted adult about your worries and try to understand where they are coming from.**

Answers: 1. *James and the Giant Peach*, Roald Dahl. 2. *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, J.K. Rowling. 3. *Little Women*, Louisa May Alcott.

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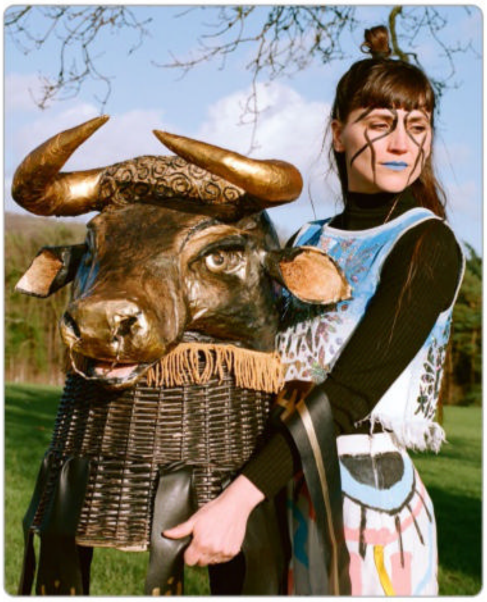
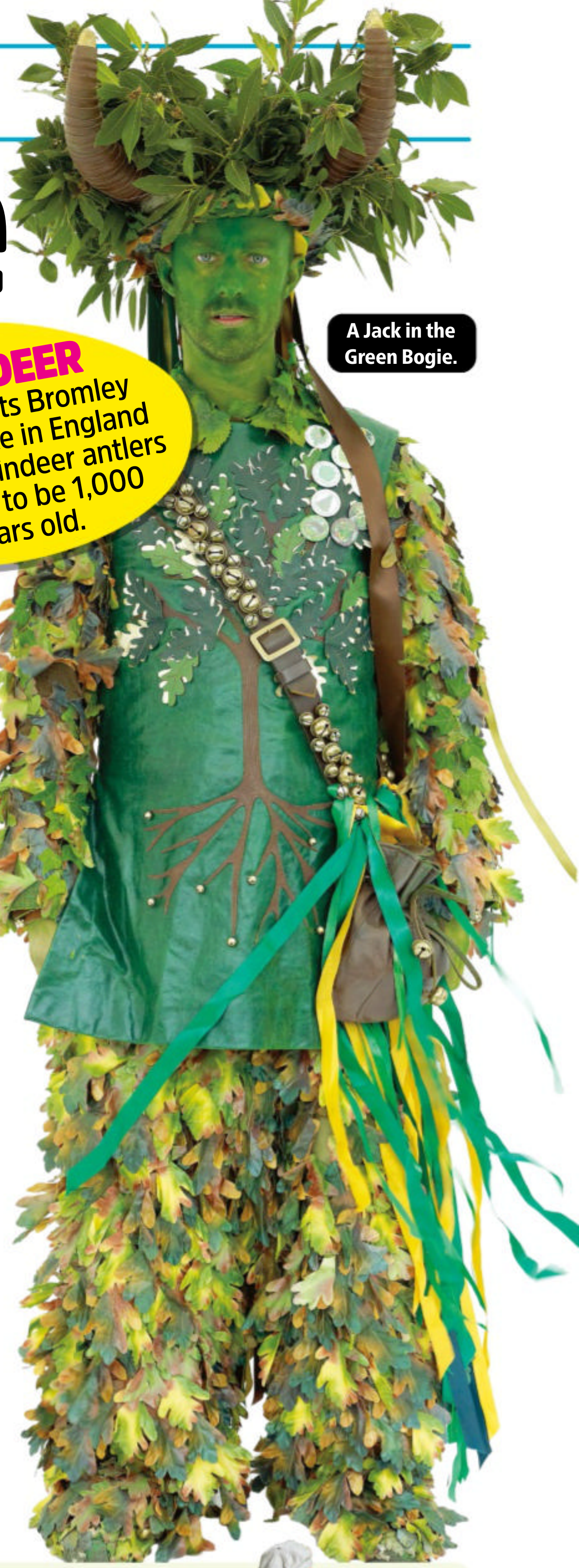
Finding folklore

Discover more about the UK's ancient customs and traditions.





A Jack in the Green Bogie.

Have you ever seen Morris dancers with bells tied to their legs, waving hankies and sticks in the air? Maybe you've been to a festival where people parade through the streets playing music and wearing colourful costumes. These are customs that take place all over the country and can be hundreds of years old. They may look funny and strange to visitors but these "folk" costumes, music and traditions often tell local stories that have been passed down for generations, making people feel part of a community.

Making Mischief: Folk Costume in Britain is the first exhibition of folk traditions and costumes in the UK. It includes more than 40 costumes, including outfits worn by Morris dancing children, uniforms for team sports like "Haxey Hood", deer antler headpieces and carnival costumes from the Leeds West Indian and Notting Hill Carnivals. Visitors can also learn about folk traditions like the Jack in the Green Festival in East Sussex, England, where cheeky Bogies – people covered in leaves and branches – parade through the town of Hastings and try to splatter crowds with green paint.

These colourful customs come from the past but the exhibition reveals how they are also shaped by the world today. Simon Costin, who designed the exhibition, believes folk traditions are becoming more popular, especially among young people, because they help us feel more connected to the planet and nature.

He calls folk events "true magic" where people can leave things like work and school behind for a while. "All those things are forgotten because they're celebrating something very powerful," he says.

Making Mischief: Folk Costume in Britain runs until 11 June at Compton Verney Art Gallery in Warwickshire, England.

A "Haxey Hood" uniform.

OH, DEER

The Abbots Bromley Horn Dance in England features reindeer antlers thought to be 1,000 years old.

Three folk events happening this Easter

Mythical creatures

Celebrate National Unicorn Day at Stirling Castle in Scotland. Visitors can learn about this mythical creature that has been celebrated in Scotland for centuries. From 8 to 9 April.

Ancient skills

Pick up traditional skills like juggling, diabolo and plate spinning, and learn how to become a knight (it takes three challenges) with Juggling Jim at Kidwelly Castle in Carmarthenshire, Wales, on 11 and 12 April.

Local crafts

Join in traditional games, have a go at local crafts and learn where the Easter egg hunt comes from at the Ulster Folk Museum in County Down, Northern Ireland. Events run from 9 to 14 April.

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The big secret about saving

You might have got the idea that saving money is boring – but it can be so much more exciting than you think.

If you had to choose between spending all your pocket money on toys, gaming and bubble tea, or saving some of it for the future, which would you choose? It's a good idea to give this some thought because we all have to make this decision again and again, whether it's pocket money, birthday or Christmas money, or even earnings from a job. When you have the opportunity to treat yourself to the fun things you enjoy the most, it can be really hard to resist – and, before you know it, all your money is gone!

Savings help dreams come true

It's easy to see the fun in buying an enormous ice cream or going shopping with friends, but you might be surprised to hear that saving money can be even more exciting. That's because saving creates opportunities and opens the door to all kinds of adventures. Suddenly it doesn't seem quite so boring when you realise that saving money is the key to making your dreams come true.

Saving goals

The key to successful saving is setting yourself a goal. It's good to give yourself a mix of short-term and long-term goals, so think of something you'd like to buy that you could save up for in a few weeks, like a small Lego set or a new top. Grab a pen and paper and write down how much it costs, then work out how much you can afford to save each week and how long it will take you to reach your goal. It's important to be realistic because you'll soon get bored if you plan to save every single penny. Some weeks you might decide to save a little more than planned so that you can reach your goal even faster.

Separate your savings

It helps to keep your savings separate from the rest of your money, so that you don't accidentally spend it. You could use a money box or a savings account, if you have one. GoHenry account holders can create savings goals in their app, and can also set up an automatic transfer into their savings pot each time their pocket money is paid.

Once you get the hang of saving, you can create some more ambitious goals. Perhaps you want to start saving for university, your first car, or you'd like to travel the world when you finish school. Remember, you can save for more than one thing at a time because some of your goals might take months – or even years – to achieve.

Different ways to save

Most people choose to save their money in a savings account, as this gives them an opportunity to earn interest. This is money that a bank pays you as a reward for saving – and the longer you leave money in a savings account, the more interest you'll earn. It can give your savings a boost because, over time, you'll earn interest on both the money you save and the interest you earn on that saving. This is called "compound interest".

Some savings accounts allow you to withdraw money whenever you like, but some will keep your money locked away for several years or until you become an adult. You might already have a savings account that was set up by a parent or grandparent so they could put some money away for your future.

Reach your target step by step

If you're new to saving, start off by thinking of some fun goals, whether that's spending money for a summer holiday, tickets to see your favourite band play live, football boots or a phone. Every penny you save takes you one step closer to reaching your goal – and what could be more exciting than that?

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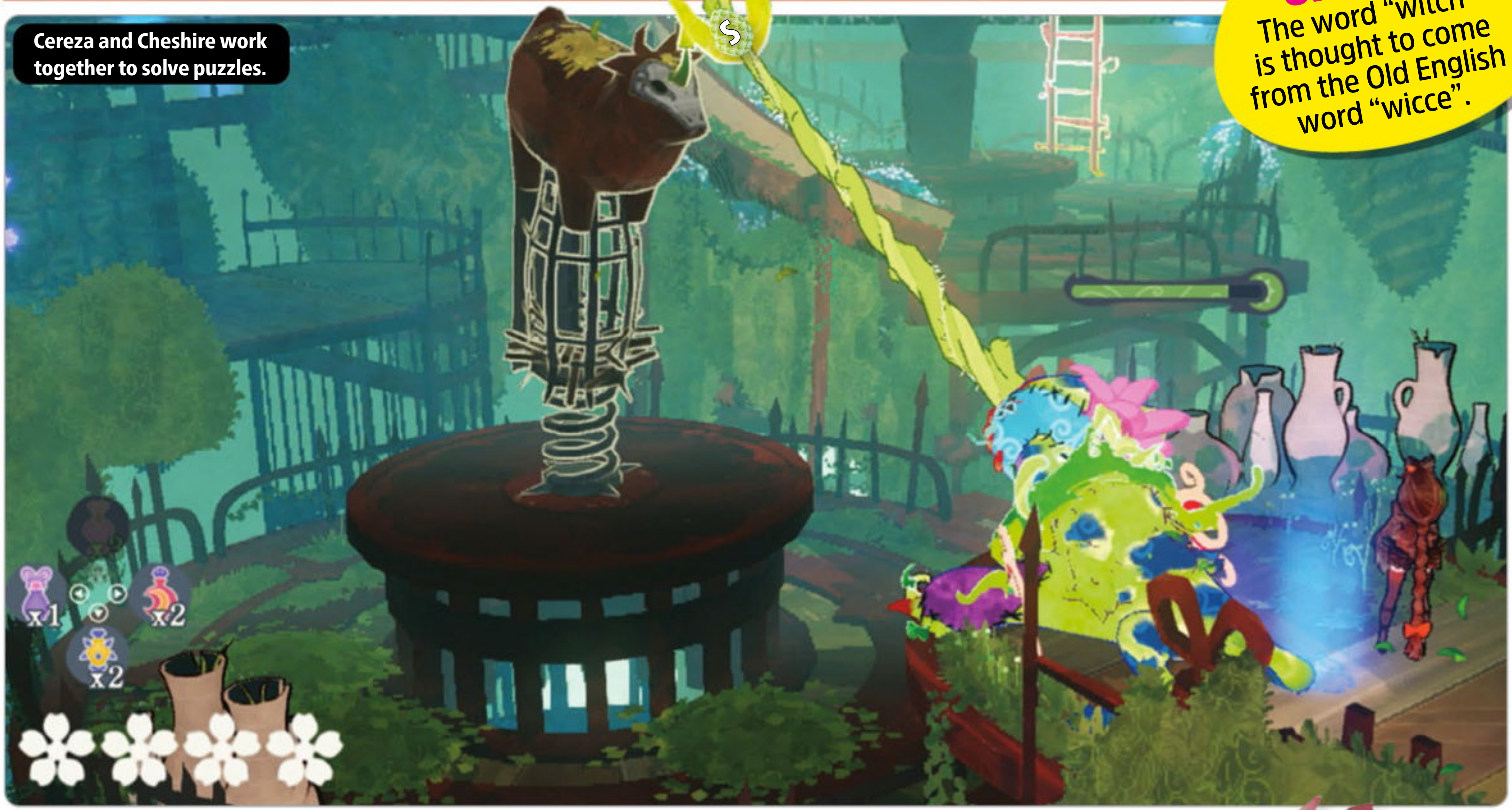
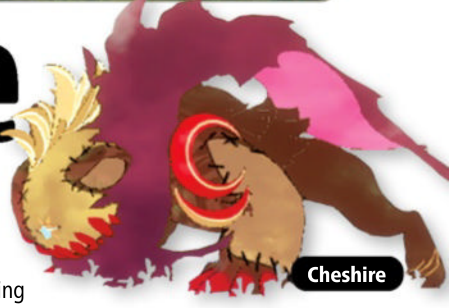
ORIGINS
The word "witch" is thought to come from the Old English word "wicce".


Cereza and Cheshire work together to solve puzzles.

A magical adventure

Get your spells at the ready for Bayonetta Origins.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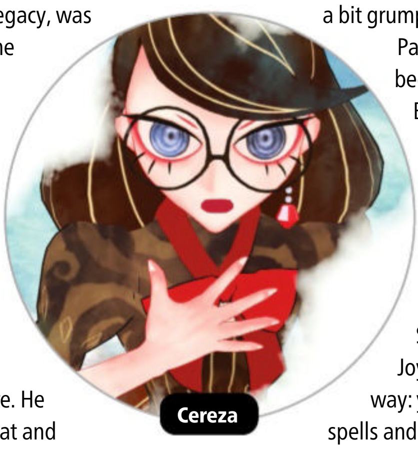

Cereza

It may be only a few weeks since this year's big *Harry Potter* game, Hogwarts Legacy, was released but it's already got some spellbinding competition.

Bayonetta Origins: Cereza and the Lost Demon tells the story of an apprentice witch (Cereza) whose mum has been imprisoned in the middle of the spooky Avalon forest. Your job is to rescue Cereza's mum.

As for the lost demon in the game's title, his name is Cheshire. He lives inside Cereza's cuddly toy cat and has come along to help out – even if he's sometimes a bit grumpy about it.

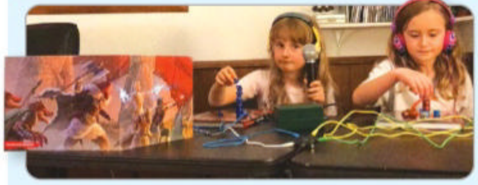
Past Bayonetta adventures have been mainly for older gamers but Bayonetta Origins is rated 12, and aimed at younger people, with a mix of monster-battling, puzzle-solving and – in between this action – an on-screen storybook to read.

The game is for Nintendo's Switch console and uses its Joy-Con controllers in a clever way: your left hand casts Cereza's spells and your right hand controls Cheshire. You'll need to get the hang of controlling Cereza and Cheshire together to progress because teamwork is the name of the game.

Each character has their own special skills, which you'll need to combine to solve the game's puzzles. For example, Cereza can cast a spell to stop monsters moving, which helps Cheshire to jump on them. As you progress, Cheshire gains more powers, including water and fire.

Bayonetta Origins is a colourful, fun game and although it will test your gaming skills, it never feels so difficult that you want to give up. It's different from Hogwarts Legacy but just as magical an experience.

PODCAST OF THE WEEK



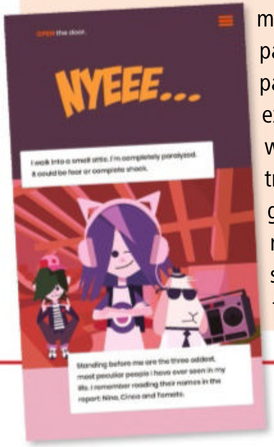
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS & DAUGHTERS

Have you tried popular real-world role-playing games like Dungeons & Dragons? This podcast tracked a dad who began playing the game with his twin daughters when they were eight years old. There are 67 podcast episodes to catch up on.

APP OF THE WEEK

DELETE AFTER READING

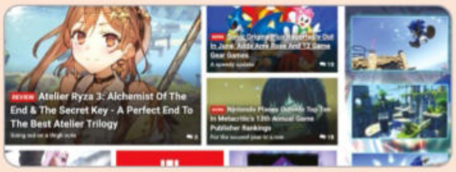
Like Bayonetta Origins, this iPhone and Android mobile game is part-game and part-storybook. It's an exciting adventure, in which three children try to recover a stolen game from an evil millionaire through solving puzzles. The first chapter is free.


OPEN the door.

I walk into a small attic. I'm completely paralysed. It could be fear or complete shock.

Standing before me are the three oddest, most peculiar people I have ever seen in my life. I remember reading their names in the report: Nina, Cinco and Tomato.

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK


REVIEW Atelier Ryza 3: Alchemist Of The End & The Secret Key - A Perfect End To The Best Atelier Trilogy

NINTENDO LIFE

nintendolife.com

If you own a Switch, this is a great way to keep up with the latest news and reviews. It's great for finding out about future games. The site also writes about games for the Nintendo 3DS device too.

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Book club

5 books about the theatre

Take a glimpse behind the curtain with these books about the world of plays.

All About Theatre

by National Theatre

(Walker Books)

Discover how plays like *War Horse* are made, from the idea to the actual production. This fascinating book includes interviews with famous actors and directors, and contributions from experts across all aspects of stage-craft, including making props, building sets and designing the lighting.

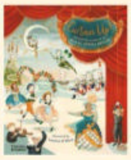
Write Your Own Scripts

by Andrew Prentice and Matthew Oldham. Illustrated by Hannah Peck

(Usborne)

Want to try your hand at writing your own show? This book will help you every step of the way, such as creating characters, setting the scene and writing realistic conversations. You'll also find lots of useful links to help you learn more about scriptwriting online.

Curtain Up! Behind the Scenes at the Royal Opera House

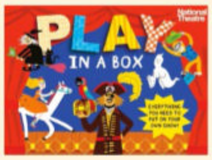


by the Royal Opera House. Illustrated by Lauren O'Hara

(Thames & Hudson)

Take a tour of London's Royal Opera House with this beautiful book. Figaro, the resident cat, will introduce you to those at work behind the scenes. The pages are full of details about ballet, opera and much more.

Play in a Box



by National Theatre. Illustrated by Hui Skipp

(Walker Books)

Find everything you need to create, direct and act in your own play in one box, with this brilliant kit. There are lots of suggestions for coming up with a script, tips for costumes and make-up, sound and lighting – and there are even tickets and a programme to colour in.

Play Time: Plays for All Ages

by Julia Donaldson

(Macmillan Children's)

Former Children's Laureate Julia Donaldson has written this collection of 11 short plays, perfect for people of all ages to act out, complete with guides on casting and running time. You'll find versions of traditional tales, as well as new plays, and lots of inspiration for putting on your performances.

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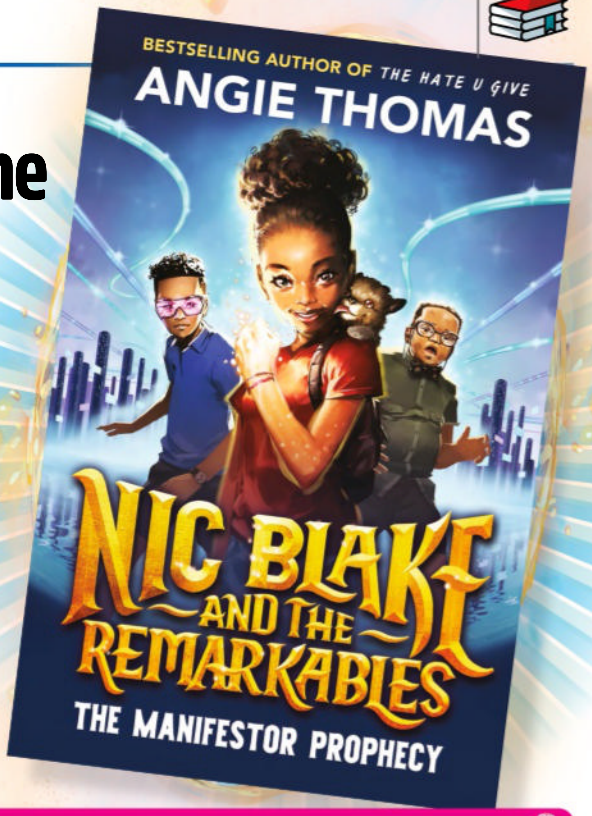
BOOK OF THE WEEK

Nic Blake and the Remarkables: The Manifestor Prophecy

by Angie Thomas

(Walker Books)


BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE HATE U GIVE
ANGIE THOMAS
NIC BLAKE AND THE REMARKABLES
THE MANIFESTOR PROPHECY

Nic Blake and her dad are Manifestors, with magical powers that they must keep hidden from the Unremarkables all around them. Now that she's turned 12, she hopes that her dad will teach her how to use the Gift so she can be as powerful as him. Then a trip to a book signing to meet the author of her favourite fantasy books reveals some secrets about her dad's past. Before long, he is imprisoned for something she doesn't believe he did. With the help of her friends, can Nic find a magical weapon to save her dad and the Remarkable world? The first book in a series, this wonderful fantasy adventure is told in Nic's voice as she finds the power in herself.

WIN! **We're giving away five copies of *Nic Blake and the Remarkables.***

For a chance to win a copy, just fill in the entry form at tinyurl.com/TWJ-Books-382 before the closing date of 14 April at 11.59pm. Make sure you have a parent or guardian's permission to enter.

ASK THE AUTHOR

Angie Thomas

The bestselling author tells how fantasy creates an escape.

What is your greatest achievement?

Buying my mum a house. She has always taken care of me and so many others, and I'm glad to be able to take care of her now.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Keep going. Keep dreaming. And most importantly, keep living. I know things seem hard and it feels like they won't ever change but they will, and it's so important that you stick around to see how they turn out.

The last time you laughed out loud?

When my puppy, Kobe, arrived at doggy daycare and his teachers all shouted his name. He was so happy his bottom wagged.

Why did you decide to write this book?

I loved fantasy books growing up but I rarely ever saw people like me in them and I definitely didn't see them as the main characters. I wanted to do something about that. Also, 2020 was a hard year, and I needed an escape. What better place to go to than a fantasy world that I imagined?

If you had a time-travel machine, where would you visit?

One hundred years into the future. I can learn about the past in books but nobody on Earth knows what the future holds. I'd like a glimpse.

READERS RECOMMEND

Name: **Nicholas**

ADVENTURES IN TIME
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Fury of the Vikings

by Dominic Sandbrook

"Exhilarating, historic, captivating. History comes alive in this true story of the Viking conquests."

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ARMY TRAINING
Orienteering began in Sweden in the 1880s to train soldiers how to use a map and compass.

The sport teaches map-reading skills.

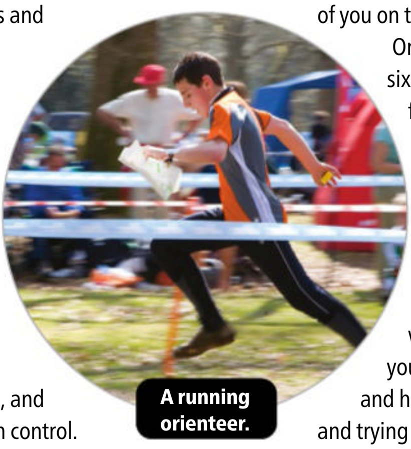
Enjoy an exciting outdoor challenge when you go...

Orienteering

Orienteering involves running, jogging or walking, and using a map and compass to move between places. It's a great way to have fun outdoors with friends and family. The aim is to move between points, called controls, in a certain order in the quickest time.

Events are usually held in parks, fields or forests but they can also happen in towns and cities and even school playgrounds. People can take part either as individuals or as a team. Beginners' events will have easier controls to find and cover less distance – perhaps a mile or two. For experienced orienteers, the length of the course could be much longer and take in hills and rough ground.

Orienteers are given a "control description sheet" to help them find each point. This sheet has details of features to look for, like paths and rivers, and a code that must match the code at each control. You will either mark your sheet at each control or tag in with an electronic card.



A running orienteer.

When you start orienteering, you will learn map-reading skills. A helpful tip is to keep your thumb on the spot that shows your location on the map. Keep it the right way round: the features in front of you on the ground should be in front of you on the map.

Orienteering maps can have five or six colours. Black areas show human features, like buildings; brown shows the contour lines (height of the land); and blue shows water, such as lakes and rivers. White and green together show woodlands; yellow patches represent grass and open areas.

As you dash between points by what you hope is the quickest route, you can take in the scenery around you and have a great time choosing your path and trying to finish in a fast time.

HOW, WHAT, WHERE?

How can I get involved?

British Orienteering organises the sport in the UK. Ask an adult to help you visit britishorienteering.org.uk where you can search for your nearest club. It also sets up schemes so you can have a go at the sport at school. You could ask a teacher if your school can start a simple event to try it out.

What is virtual orienteering?

It is finding checkpoints on a course that's set up through a smartphone or GPS watch. There are no actual checkpoints on the ground and it can be done at any time. If you want to have a go, get a grown-up to download the free MapRun app.

"I LOVE THE ADVENTURE"

Name: Grace

"I have been orienteering all my life. I started at club level and worked my way up to the England team. I love the adventure aspect and that no race is the same. It's a sport that challenges you mentally and physically. I have made lots of friends that I compete against most weekends all around the country. My sister Alice also takes part."

Grace (right) with her sister Alice.

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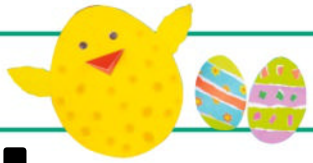


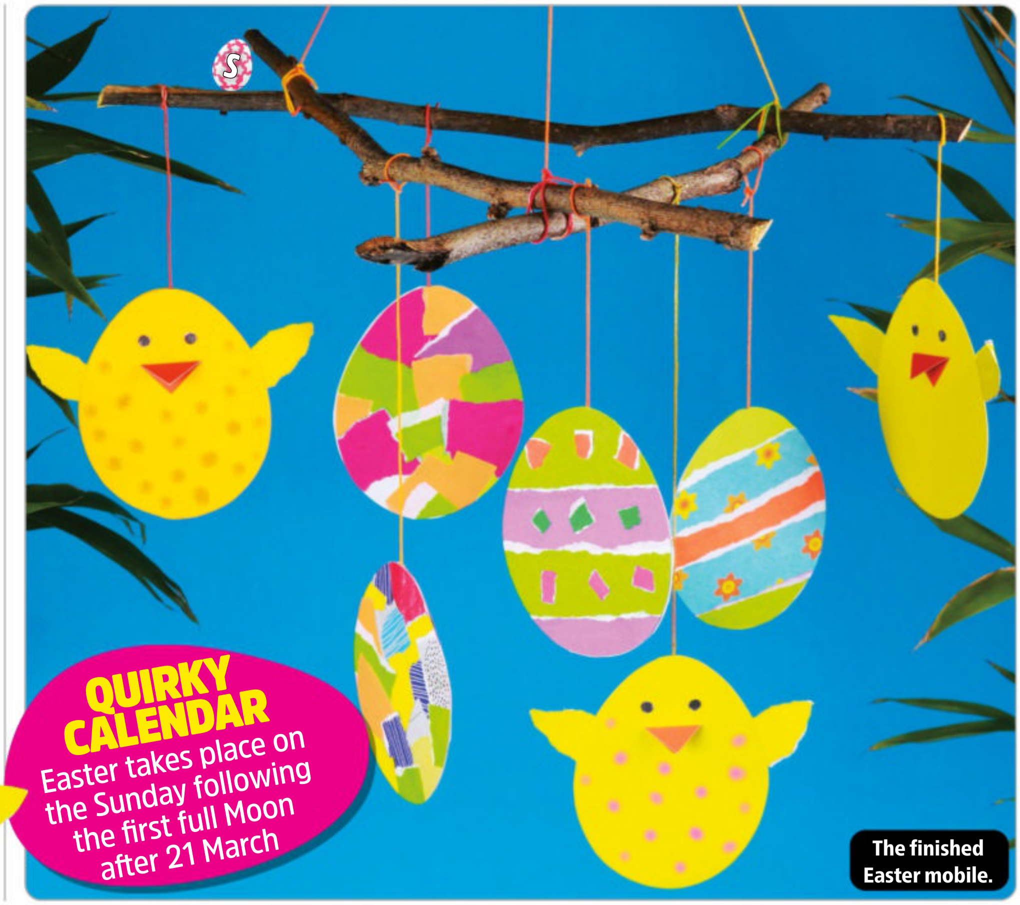
How to...

Make an Easter mobile

Brighten your home at Easter with this colourful mobile. The simple oval shape can be used to make eggs and chicks – or try adding ears for an Easter bunny.

What you need

- Three dry twigs trimmed to a length of 30 centimetres
- A ruler
- Thin string
- Scissors
- A pencil
- Card
- Coloured paper, patterned paper, magazine pages
- Glue stick
- Sticky tape



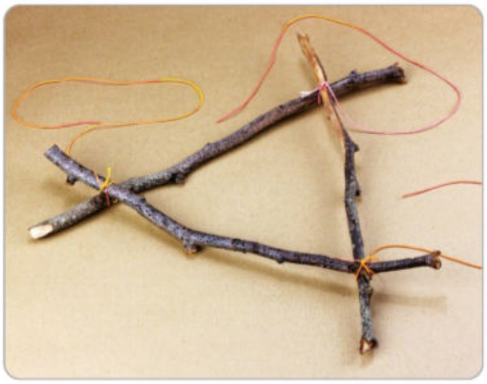
QUIRKY CALENDAR
Easter takes place on the Sunday following the first full Moon after 21 March

The finished Easter mobile.

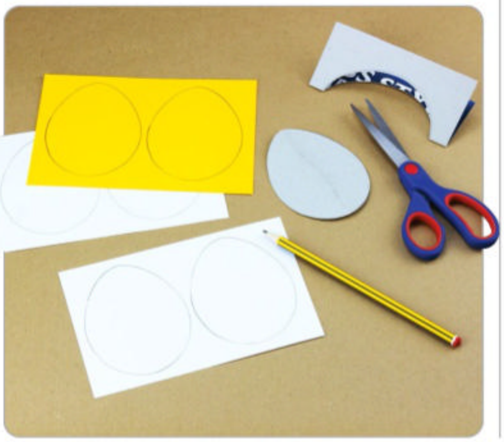
TOP TIPS

- Thin sticks just under 1cm thick are ideal for a mobile.
- Create colourful string by rubbing paint on it with a sponge or a paper towel and leaving it to dry for an hour.
- To make a symmetrical egg template, fold a piece of 10cm x 12cm card in half, draw half an egg on the folded line and then cut it out.
- To hang the mobile, hold the strings on the ends of the triangle together about 20cm above the sticks. When the mobile hangs straight, tie a knot, then another knot at the ends. Use the loop to hang it.

1 Arrange the three sticks in a triangle with the ends overlapping. Tie the sticks together at each corner firmly with 50cm lengths of string. Leave the long ends of the string because you will need them to hang up your mobile.



2 Draw an egg shape, about 10cm long and 8cm wide, onto card and cut it out. This is your template. Draw around the card egg onto white or coloured card. To make each egg or chick decoration you'll need two matching shapes.



3 Tear up pieces of coloured paper into strips and little shapes and glue them onto the eggs as decorations. You can trim around the edges if you need to. For your chicks, cut or tear up beak, wing and eye shapes and glue them on.

4 For each decoration, glue two shapes together, back-to-back, with a 20cm piece of string stuck in between them with sticky tape. When you have enough decorations, tie the eggs and chicks onto the triangle frame.

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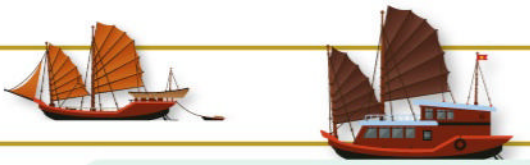
SCAN ME



Number fit

All of these numbers fit in the grid. Can you work out where they go? We've placed one to start you off.

3 numbers
171
185
534
~~563~~
625
681
762
948

4 numbers
5461
6297
7285
7754
9381

5 numbers
53782
54516
92207
95380

6 numbers
315549
332784
578333
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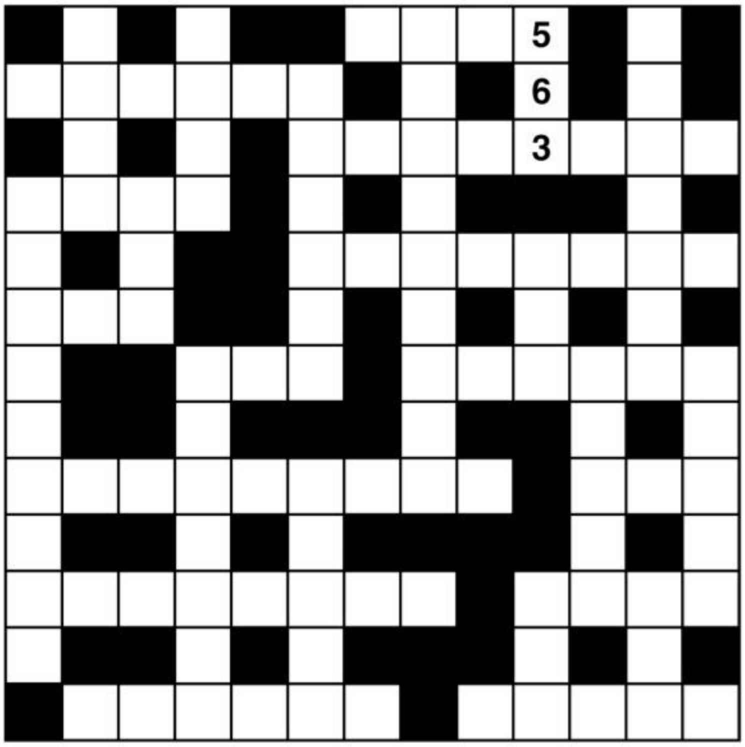

Wordsearch

Can you find all of the words listed here? They are hidden horizontally, vertically or diagonally and may read forwards or backwards.

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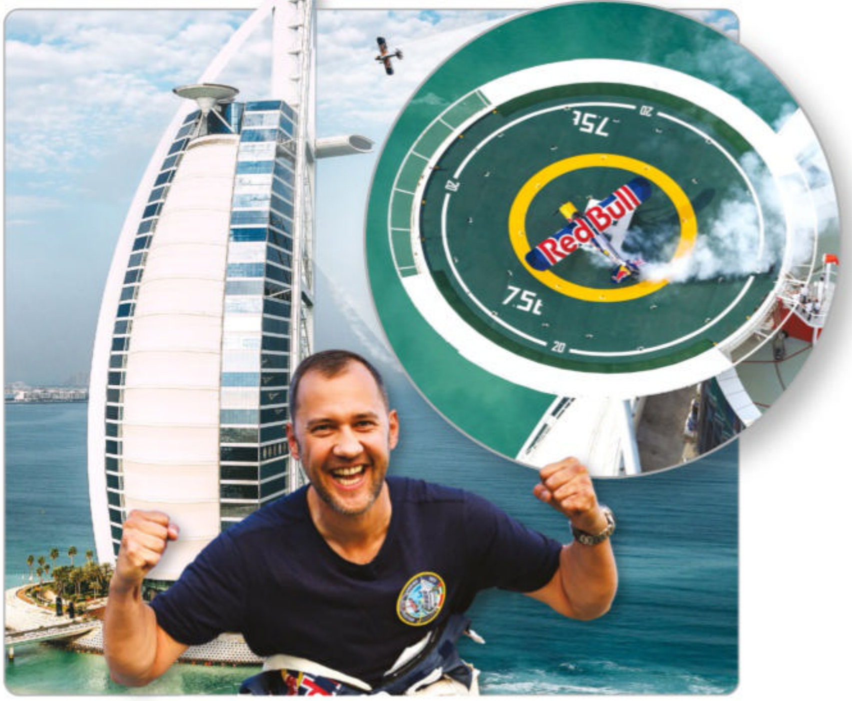
The 50p worth nearly £250

A rare 50p coin created in 2009 to mark the anniversary of Kew Gardens was sold on the auction site eBay for 483 times its original value. There are only 210,000 of the coins in circulation, and this one – in "excellent condition" – was expected to fetch £160. It started the auction at 99p, and by the end of the first day reached £100. The winner paid £241.65, including express delivery. The 50p features the famous Great Pagoda in Kew Gardens, near London, on the tails side. It's a good time to check any piggy banks, just in case...

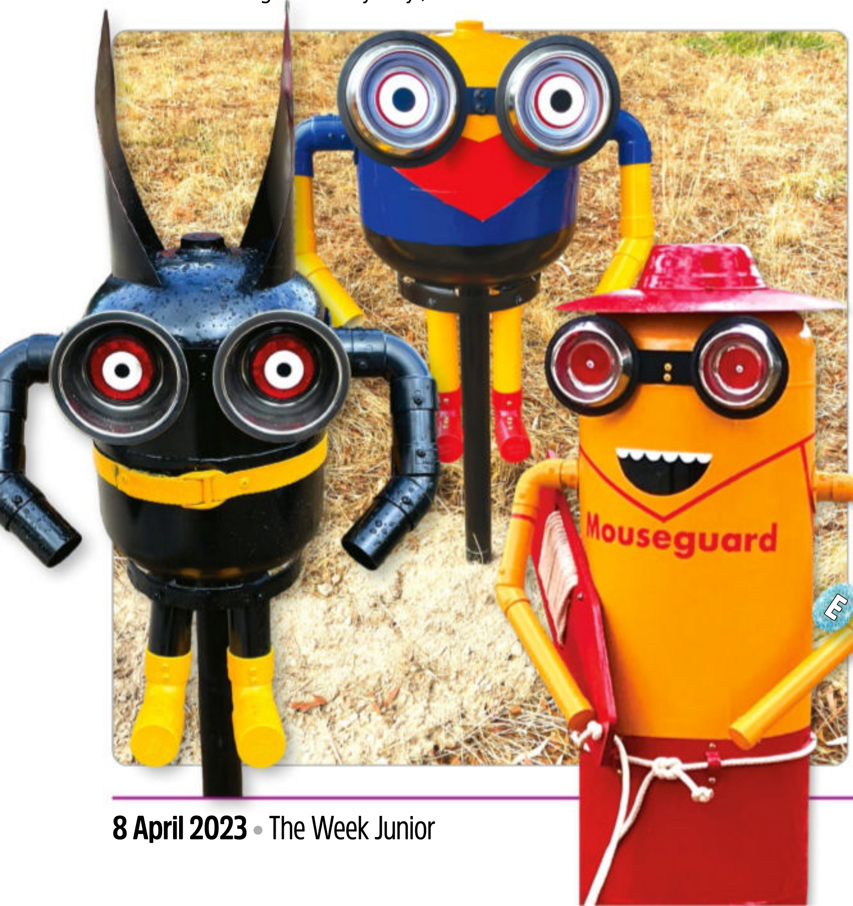


Pilot touches down on tiny target

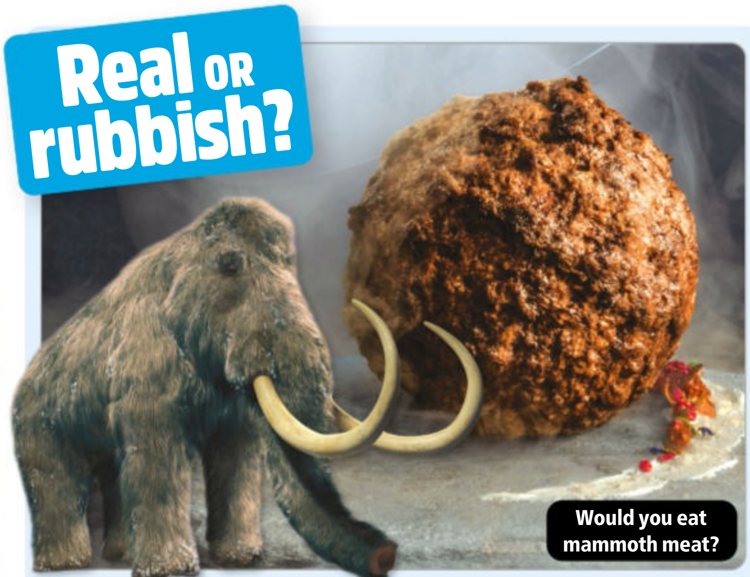
Runways at airports can be more than a mile long but when Luke Czepiela landed his plane on the top of a sky-high hotel in Dubai, he only needed 27 metres. To land on the helipad, which is the size of a tennis court, Czepiela practised the technique 650 times over the last two years. A successful landing required the perfect amount of wind and for the plane to be as light as possible, at 425 kilograms. After he completed the tricky task, Czepiela said, "I feel awesome."

Mysterious Minion appearances

Scrap-metal sculptures of the Minions (characters in the film *Despicable Me*) keep popping up around the small Australian town of Warrack. No one knows who is responsible. Some of the sculptures are designed simply as works of art, but others can be used as letter boxes. CCTV cameras caught two people setting up one of the Minions but one was wearing a Santa Claus costume, and their identity remains unknown. It's a "good fun mystery", a resident of the town said on Facebook.



Real or rubbish?



Would you eat mammoth meat?

Mmm... mammoth meatballs

Scientists have found a way to create the future of food – but it lies in the distant past. Using DNA (a chemical in every living thing that tells it how to grow and develop) from woolly mammoths, the company Vow Food has grown a meatball. Vow hopes that using mammoth DNA for meat will be better for the environment than meat from farm animals. However, no one has tried to eat the meatballs because the DNA is so old. A scientist told *The Guardian* newspaper, "We have no idea how our immune system would react when we eat it." What do you think? Is this real, or a tale as old as time?*

*Real! Scientists mixed mammoth DNA with elephant DNA to make these unusual meatballs. Researchers have already investigated the possibility of growing meat from other DNA, including from alpacas, kangaroos and peacocks.

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Over to you

Editor's note

The countdown to Easter is on – and to get you in the mood we have cunningly concealed a dozen (that's 12) delicious Easter eggs within this magazine. Unfortunately, they're not real Easter eggs, they are little ones printed in among the design of the pages. Each one is decorated with a letter, and your mission is to find them all, write down the letters and rearrange them to find a seasonal word or phrase. We've had lots of fun hiding the eggs and checking them, so we feel fit and ready to find the REAL thing this Easter weekend. The cheese eggs on page 5 have divided opinion in the office, but the Easter mobile on page 25 is fun whatever flavour egg you like.

Will you be taking part in any local customs this bank holiday weekend? I loved seeing the strange ceremonies in the Entertainment section (page 20). Our debate this week, about whether octopuses should be farmed (page 8), is a really tricky one, especially if you have seen the film *My Octopus Teacher*. We'd really love to hear what you think, so please ask a parent or guardian to follow the instructions at the bottom of the page opposite and send us a voice note. Happy Easter!

Vanessa Harriss
Editor

My poetry

Name: **Wilfred**

“Here is a poem I have written. I love your magazine. My favourite pages are Animals and the Environment, and Science and Technology. I also enjoy reading the Real or Rubbish and answering the puzzles.”

A quiet life

A quiet life for me,
Is sitting by the sea,
Letting go of everything,
And just being me.

A quiet life for them,
Is sitting in their den,
Playing with sticks and stones,
It won't hurt them.

A quiet life for you,
Is doing what you do,
Doing what you want to do,
And just being you.

What have you been up to lately? Which books have you enjoyed reading? What have you made? Have you written a poem or drawn a picture that you'd like to see published on this page? Whatever you have to show or tell us, get in touch at *hello@theweekjunior.co.uk*

JOKE OF THE WEEK

“What do you call a fairy that never washes? Stinkerbell!”
Lyra

CHARITY OF THE WEEK

Save the Children

This charity works in more than 100 countries to transform young people's lives. To raise funds, 11-year-old Sienna Bowen is this weekend running the final mile of a 1,000-mile fun run she started two years ago. Sienna was inspired to help after learning about children in Yemen and Syria who had been affected by war. She has raised £5,000. Find out more about the charity at savethechildren.org.uk

GET INVOLVED

Launch a postcard into space

Young people from around the world are being invited to fill in postcards with their thoughts and ideas for the next generation of space travel. The actual postcards will then be placed on rockets and sent to space. All you have to do is cover the cost of sending your card to the US. You'll even get your postcard returned to you with a stamp to officially certify that it has been to space. Intrigued? Find out more at clubforfuture.org/missions

Send a postcard into space.

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YOUR PHOTOS

We'd love to see your snaps. Send them to us at *hello@theweekjunior.co.uk* Don't forget to tell us why you took them.

"I'm wearing my Easter bonnet while reading about the sniffly climbers leaving germs on Everest."
Harry

"On International Women's Day, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers celebrated inspirational women. Gill Clay, whose grandfather, Robert Baden-Powell, founded the Scout movement, also joined in."
Seren

"While on a wintry walk, I discovered a very long hula hoop in my crisp packet."
Ella

Teacher OF THE WEEK

Teacher's name: **Mrs Holloway**

School: **Merryhills Primary School, Enfield, Middlesex**

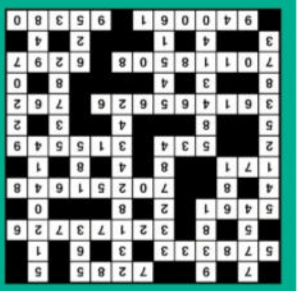
"Mrs Holloway puts a smile on everyone's face. When things are hard she finds a way to make them fun to understand. She brings history to life e.g. when telling the story of Guy Fawkes, she led the entire class under the table! We imagined there was the secret tunnel leading to the Houses of Parliament. Her incredible teaching means I still remember lessons many months later."

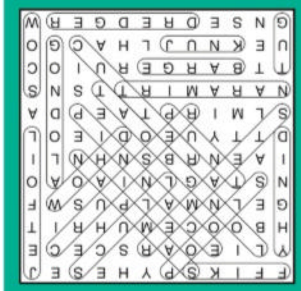
Sienna

If we pick your teacher as Teacher of the Week, we'll send your school three free issues of *The Week Junior*. Send your nominations, along with a picture of your teacher and your school's full name and address, to *hello@theweekjunior.co.uk*

Puzzles page and quiz answers

Easter egg solution: Easter Sunday





1 b) Burkina Faso **2** True **3** Italy **4** True **5** b) Arsenal **6** Scottish wildcat **7** a) C.S. Lewis **8** False, it's made from hydrogen and oxygen **9** The Moon **10** b) Jill Scott **11** False, it's green paint **12** Witch **13** True **14** c) Black **15** Australia

READERS RESPOND

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"Yes! Why should we have to pay taxes so they can live in palaces?!"

"It makes our country special and brings money into the country from visitors."

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Quiz of the week

1 The world's youngest national leader is from which country?

☐ a) Cameroon

☐ b) Burkina Faso

☐ c) Finland

2 True or false? Morrisons is selling Easter eggs made out of cheese.

☐ True ☐ False

3 Which country is planning to ban lab-grown meat?

4 True or false? Octopuses have part of their brain in each of their eight arms.

☐ True ☐ False

5 Which football team did Leah Williamson support growing up?

☐ a) Tottenham

☐ b) Arsenal

☐ c) West Ham

6 Which animal species is going to be released into Cairngorms National Park in Scotland?

7 Which author of fantasy books was inspired by the Mourne Mountains in Northern Ireland?

☐ a) C.S. Lewis

☐ b) J.K. Rowling

☐ c) J.R.R. Tolkien

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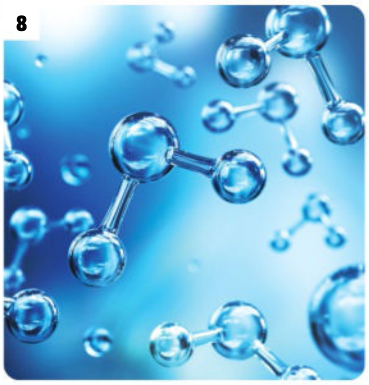
Meat produced by in vitro cell culture of animal cells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8 True or false? Water is made from two elements, hydrogen and calcium.

☐ True ☐ False

9 Chang'e is the Chinese goddess of what?

10 Who is captain of the England team at this year's Soccer Aid match?

☐ a) Harry Kane

☐ b) Jill Scott

☐ c) Leah Williamson

11 True or false? At the Jack in the Green Festival, people called Bogies splatter crowds with red paint.

☐ True ☐ False

12 Which word is thought to come from the Old English word "wicce"?

13 True or false? Orienteering originated in Sweden.

☐ True ☐ False

14 On orienteering maps, which colour shows features such as buildings?

☐ a) Brown

☐ b) Blue

☐ c) Black

15 In which country are scrap metal sculptures of Minions popping up?

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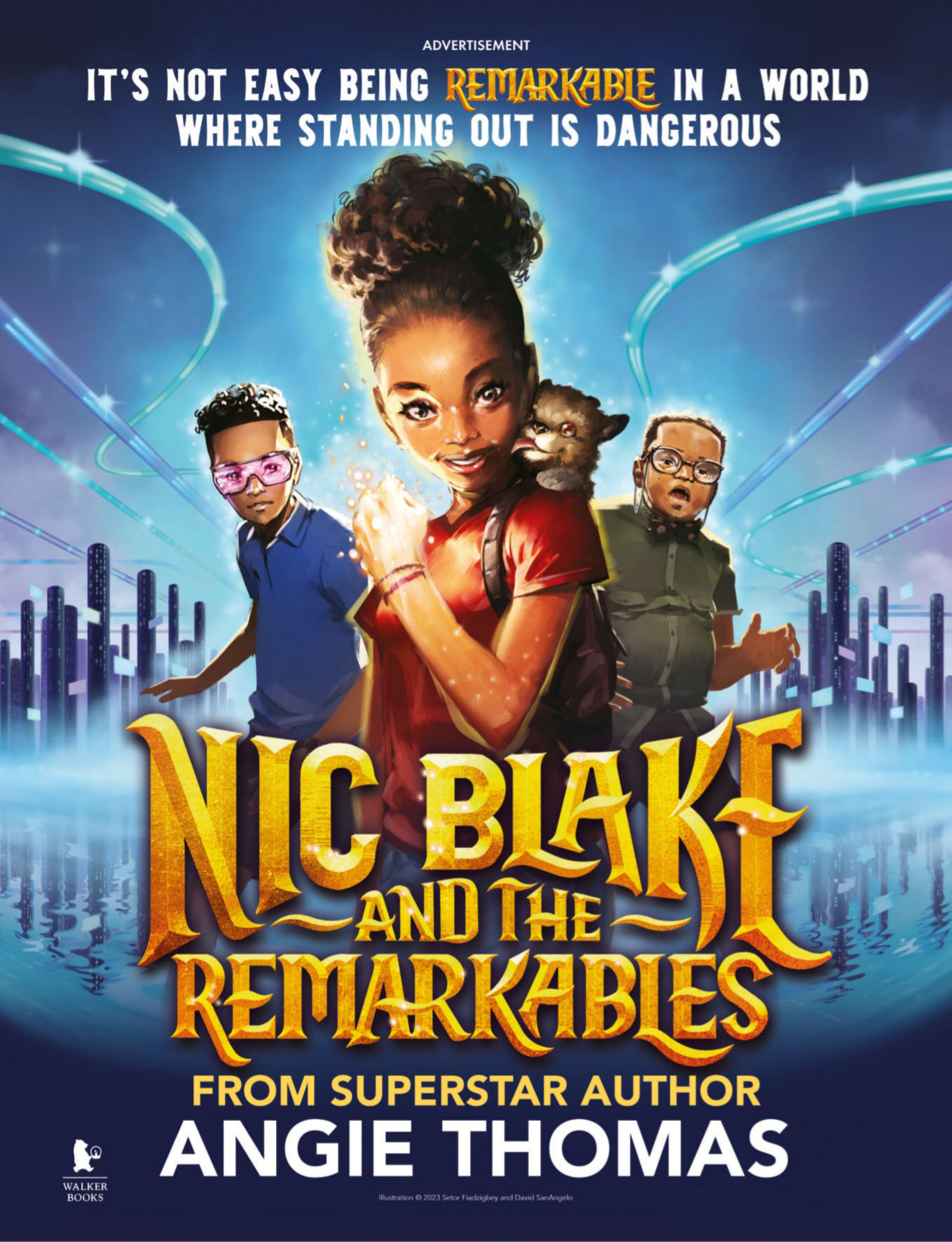

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